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EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

A few weeks ago Sheila Kirk, Yvonne Cook, Laura Caldwell, Nancy Cole and I were in Washington, DC attempting to educate 14,000 psychiatrists. While there, Helen Garfinkle, an officer in the DCEA of Virginia, invited us to dinner, an offer we couldn't refuse. As Helen and I were happily chatting away over a plate of something-or-other, she gaily informed me I was going to be speaking to her group that night. Terror! I'm living proof that the brain starts working the day you are born and stops working the moment you stand up to speak in public.

"What do I talk about?"

"Anything you want."

"Oh God, not the old 'anything you want' shtick!"

What I wanted to talk about was the most recent 'Far Side' cartoon, but for some reason talking about Peter Pan smashing into a picture window didn't seem appropriate. Then Cindy, DCEA's president, had placed a collection can for the local AIDS foundation on the podium.

My mood went from a light-hearted panic, to sadness. Yet, even though I felt sad, I felt proud. Here was DCEA, a local social support group for CDs and TSs, doing what it could to fight AIDS. I wished everyone would follow DCEA's example.

When I picked up the can, memories swept through me. I thought of my friends from Provincetown, all those people who owned the restaurants and guest houses who worked so hard to make our people feel welcome in their town ... gone! Doctor Paul Walker, founder of the Janus Information Services, a man who dedicated his life to

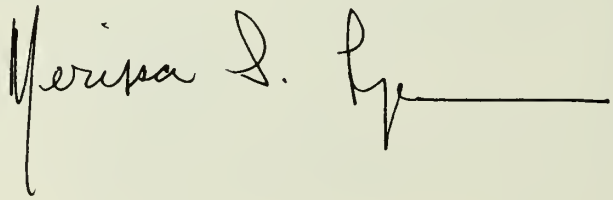
helping our people ... gone! Lou Sullivan, a true hero in the female-to-male community ... gone! Tiffany, and Greg, and Brandy, people who loved us and made us laugh ... gone!

There, in my hand, was proof that our people do care, proof as profound as what I witnessed in Texas at our Coming Together Convention. First, led by Jheri Summers and Joan Bray, the convention's host organizations put out a fantastic effort for their fund-raiser to benefit the Houston AIDS Foundation. Our people supported their effort to the tune of $1700+, a sum which broke all existing records for convention fund- raisers. Next, we as a community proudly presented a Trinity Award to an extraordinary lady with AIDS who had devoted the rest of her life to building a better world in which others can live. Finally, another participant with AIDS offered her fortune to help keep people from going through the same awful thing she is going through now.

"Our community does care," I said as I held the collection can up high and put money in it. "This is how this terrible disease, this sickness that is killing our friends, is going to be conquered. Here, with you, at the grassroots level. I ask everyone here to put money in the can, and keep putting money in until AIDS is just an ugly memory."

I ask all of you to put money in the can, and keep putting money in until AIDS is beaten.

Thank you.



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Dealing With Fear

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In my last article, I discussed the importance of listening to one's intuition. Growing up in a culture that values only the analytical, intellectual approach to life, we tend to ignore this seemingly quiet aspect of ourselves. The intuitive voice of wisdom often goes unheard as we give credence to what the outside world and our ego tell us is right. This sometimes results in feelings of fear and anxiety. We are trying to do what we think is expected of us so we will be accepted and loved, while at the same time there's this nagging feeling in the pit of our stomach saying, "Hey, this isn't right! Don't listen to them. They don't know what you need!" So what do we do when that happens? Our perceptions of fear and how we deal with it and them determine whether we view life as being exciting with opportunities to learn more about ourselves, or as being unfair and negative.

We don't have the same security that people had ten and twenty years ago. Changes in the ozone layer affect weather patterns and agricultural production. Jobs in corporate America no longer offer long-term security. The family unit continues to deteriorate, with increasing numbers of people turning to the quick fix found in alcohol, drugs, and other activities. The happiness we pursue remains ever elusive as people continue to look for it outside of themselves. The whirling dervishes dance around us, leaving us feeling unsure, insecure, and anxious. Will we have a job and financial security five or ten years from now? What about our health? Will our relationships last? And, for those who choose to live a different lifestyle through crossdressing or bigenderism, what if our secrets become known? How do we deal with these changes and unknowns? Simple. We deal with ourselves first.

Dealing with fear is an inside job! It may not appear that we can change the circumstances of our lives, yet we can. For those skeptics out there, we can change our perception of any given situation because we can change our thoughts. This is especially true when it comes to dealing with fear. The following paragraphs discuss some helpful hints I have found to deal more positively with fear.

FEAR is False Evidence Appearing Real. Just remember, the very thing we are afraid of probably does not and will not exist. It is just some bogeyman hiding out in the dark caverns of our ego, trying to keep us from doing that which will set us free, that which will let us see how truly wonderful we are. Most of us have two inner sets of voices or

thoughts. Thoughts coming from the ego create the fear in our minds. They come from the Drill Instructor or the Board of Directors chattering away in our heads. You know the ones. They always focus on the negative, making us feel judged and discouraged. They try to immobilize us, keep us from doing anything positive to change our lives. They keep us in a state of fear when we listen to them so we won't risk changing when we are unhappy. Thoughts coming from our intuition or our heart do not use fear-based tactics. They remind us that we really are okay. They always provide a gentle wisdom whenever we ask for guidance. They sweep away the illusions of the ego and help us to hear the real truth about what's best for us.

Stay in the present moment. The next time you find yourself worrying about something, ask yourself if you're in the present moment. Chances are, you won't be. Fear is always about the future. We don't know what may happen to us tomorrow, so why not enjoy today? Maybe your partner doesn't want to see you dressed. If he or she tolerates it, count your blessings. It could be worse (and is, for many). Focus on the positive. Be here, now!

Energy follows thought. Since our thoughts create our reality, thinking negatively or worrying about something makes it more likely to happen. That is why our subconscious thoughts can sabotage us so much. Many of us have unconscious beliefs about ourselves that we really are not good enough or deserving enough to have a well-paying job we love, or the relationship we have always wanted. That is why working with positive affirmations is so effective. It helps us to reprogram the software we have stored on the old computer discs in our heads.

Have an attitude of gratitude. If you are fearful of some loss in your life, be it money, relationship, employment, etc., try this simple method for decreasing the fear. Each time the fear thought crops up, remind yourself of all that you **do** have right now, and say a mental **Thank you!** to the powers that be for having it. This works wonders with relationships. We are so programmed to think negatively, we forget that there are other ways to view life. If your partner, friend, or boss is giving you a hard time and seems to show a lack of understanding and sensitivity to your position, think about their strengths instead. What is it you admire and like about these people? Be grateful for those issues. Focus less on the negatives, and you will see a change over time, without having to say anything about it at all. Try it.

So, **the choice is yours.** The next time you feel fear, or find yourself worrying about something, will you listen to the voices of doom and gloom, or will you turn instead to your intuitive voice. It's the quiet one whispering to you that there is nothing to worry about. You are perfect exactly as you are. You no longer have to prove your worth. Everything you truly want, you can bring into your life if you are willing to focus on it and believe you deserve it. This voice also brings peace and relaxation to the body. Which will it be for you?

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This month's column is about the prostate gland (please note that it is spelled PROSTATE, not prostrate). All genetic males have a prostate. We don't all have problems with it, but the potential for difficulty is ever present for all of us.

ANATOMY

The prostate rests at the base of the urinary bladder. When the male is standing upright, it is just below the bladder and is transpierced by the urethra, the tube for passing urine from the bladder through the penis. Because the urethra goes through the prostate, if the prostate swells from infection, tumor, or benign growth, it becomes restricted and interferes with the act of urination. The prostate gland is divided into a number of smaller glands which communicate with the urethra in a number of places, mostly in its posterior or back wall, thereby putting prostatic secretions into the sperm ejaculate in sexual intercourse along with the material coming from the other accessory sex organs, predominantly the seminal vesicles. Prostatic secretion is found almost continuously as a part of the urine as well. Hence the prostate's only function really is to contribute to the sexual ejaculate. The gland is dependent on testosterone for its growth and maintenance. Without male hormone influence it would shrink and cease to function. That is why castration with a loss of testosterone causes it to shrink. Estrogen taken by the male also lowers testosterone levels in the blood stream, causing the prostate to have a smaller size and decreased glandular function.

INFECTIONS OF THE PROSTATE

One of the most common disorders of the prostate is inflammation and infection. These disease processes may be acute - sudden onset and short duration, or chronic - lingering and long lasting.

Acute

Infections can come to the prostate by way of the lymphatic system or by the blood vessels, the arteries and veins. Usually the infection borne by these routes has its origin in another part of the body. Infection also comes to the prostate by way of the urethra, ascending from the penile portion to that which runs through the prostate gland. These are

generally more common. In the past, gonorrhea was the most common infection encountered. Today, non-specific infections due to a wide variety of organisms are often responsible. However, there is a sexually transmitted bacterium called chlamydia trachomatous, which is very often the cause. Streptococci, staphylococci and bacteria from the bowel, notably E. coli, are often found as well. Congestion of the prostate due to alcoholism, abnormal or excessive sexual practice, perineal trauma (saddle area) such as experienced in horseback or bicycle riding, can create a setting very conducive to infection in this gland.

In general, complaints leading to a diagnosis may be multiple and quite generalized depending on the origin, the mode of transmission, and the type of bacteria involved. Hence, an individual could present with fever, chills, nausea, vomiting and generalized body pain with few to no genitourinary complaints. On the other hand, there may be pain localized to the groin or the anal area or noted in the low back or genital area along with painful urination, frequency and urgency, dribbling and lack of control. There also may be blood in the urine at times. Libido is lost and sexual activity is quite painful. Complete urinary retention (obstruction to urine flow from the bladder) can take place. Treatment of acute prostatitis is dependent on an accurate medical history, physical exam and the recovery of prostatic urethral discharge to provide bacteriologic evaluation of the offending organisms. In this day and age with antibiotic therapy as effective as it is, and with rapid diagnostic procedures available, complete cure is all but guaranteed, and the complications noted in past years, i.e. abscesses and development of chronic prostatic infection in the surrounding structures and tissues is quite uncommon.

Chronic prostatitis

The most common chronic infection in the male over 50 years of age is probably that found in the prostate. It can develop after a series of acute episodes through one's lifetime added to by the congestion that comes with the causes mentioned above, i.e. alcohol, sexual practices of various kinds, etc., but some medical writers believe it is associated with chronic infection elsewhere in the body. Strangely, one of the common sources of infection in this gland tends to be that associated with dental caries and chronically infected tonsils. Often, however, the chronic inflammatory process is non-specific, i.e. no bacteria are found in bacteriologic cultures. Conversely, chronic prostatic infections can be the primary focus and origin for infection elsewhere, in the heart valves, in the eyes, or in the joints causing chronic arthritis. A variety of complaints can lead to eventual diagnosis of chronic prostatitis - persistent penile discharge, various complaints ranging from pain, local or generalized, to incontinence and bloody urine.

Sexual dysfunction and infertility are often associated conditions. Once again, a medical history, a complete urinalysis, a careful rectal examination to massage the prostate and to thereby gain information about the gland's size and sensitivity as well as to obtain prostatic secretions for study -- all these lead to a diagnosis which will then allow a regimen of treatment. Occasionally, cystoscopy is needed, but once all information is collected, a medical and sometimes surgical regimen can then be put into motion. Unusual infections can also take place in the prostate, for example those associated with tuberculosis, syphilis, parasite infestations, yeast infection and very uncommon infections due to actinomycoses and similar organisms.

NEW GROWTH IN THE PROSTATE

Benign Hyperplasia

In short, this means a change in the basic composition of the gland to produce nodularity and increased firmness or exaggerated increase in size producing sponginess and bulkiness. Both may exist at one time in different places of the gland. The overall effect is urethral compression, thereby diminishing and limiting the urinary stream, plus a host of other problems leading to retention of urine in the bladder. This in turn, leads to eventual chronic bladder infection and possibly ascending infection to the kidneys. Incompetence of the bladder sphincter can take place leading to dribbling and incontinence. All these can progress to kidney incompetence, kidney failure, and even hypertension.

The latter is an extreme progression, but certainly very possible. This condition, benign prostatic hypertrophy, is very common and a great nuisance problem to the aging male. Many theories have been offered in the medical literature for the disorder. Chief among these is the theory that a sex hormone imbalance is the main etiologic cause. A number of different thoughts exist in medical writing citing decreases in testosterone with increases in estrogen. These produce changes in the target organ (prostate), a response abetted by environmental circulatory or genetic disturbances. Just how this disturbed ratio may be responsible is not understood. One of the puzzles about the theory of endocrine causation of benign prostatic hypertrophy is that with estrogen levels increasing in the male with aging, as some studies demonstrate, why then is there not protection to the non-transgendered male against this kind of problem. An additional question could be asked - why do those of us who use estrogen for feminization have such shrunken small prostates as noted at the time of SRS and often report notable changes for the better in bladder function in general and in the urinary stream in particular. I have no answer for this, nor do the real experts and researchers in prostate function and disease, but nonetheless, it is true. Whatever the cause of this common and often debilitating disorder in the aging male, it is a very real concern as we grow older.

Malignancy

Carcinoma, or cancer of the prostate, is a fear and potential for all biologic males. This malignancy is

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Legal Briefs

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Either - Or

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I have waited for a year, and to the third edition of "Legal Briefs" to discuss the MOST important issue, legal or otherwise, facing crossdressers. It is the issue that is most likely to be raised during any discussion between crossdressers and non-crossdressers. It is the issue that is almost always raised by studio audiences during television interview programs. It is the issue that is almost always raised during call-in type interviews. It is the one issue most likely to be asked about at college class sessions, and, it is the issue that has caused a disproportionate amount of controversy at most of our conventions and meetings, It is the bathroom issue.

The American public has a peculiar fascination about crossdressers using rest rooms. Although many members of the public can tolerate crossdressing in public, most still have difficulty in accepting male crossdressers in the ladies' room. For some reason, the public believes that the ladies' room is off limits to crossdressers. Apparently the American public has been conditioned to assume that crossdressers are going to use a ladies' room for some kind of illicit behavior. At the very least, they believe that a male crossdresser is invading the sanctuary and privacy of females when using a ladies' room.

Some crossdressers also have a peculiar fascination with ladies' rooms. They believe that simply because they are dressed in women's apparel that they have a right to use the ladies' room. For some, using the ladies' room is tantamount to a self-serving proclamation of "passage" and therefore an entitlement to go anywhere a real woman can go. They are insensitive to the thoughts and feelings of females using the ladies' room. They sometimes even forget why they needed to go there in the first place.

Over the past twelve years I have been a guest at numerous college classes, professional meetings, law enforcement seminars, television and radio talk shows, and other meetings. At virtually every one of those appearances I, or others with me, have been asked, "What bathroom do you use?" It is obvious that the bathroom issue is paramount in the public's mind.

As a lawyer, the bathroom question is often referred to me for a legal response. I have to be honest and tell you that I am never really comfortable in responding to the question. No matter what I say, I know that there will be some people who will either disagree with me or will find my response inadequate. So, what I try to do is to politely and

diplomatically sensitize the person asking the question to the issues faced by the crossdresser when he or she finds him- or herself in need of a washroom. In order to deliberately shift the focus of the question to the issues, I usually start my response with the following true story.

Several years ago I received a phone call from a member of my group who told me that he had been arrested while crossdressed in a public washroom in a large suburban shopping center. I asked him what the charge was and he told me that it was disorderly conduct. I then asked him what he was doing in the washroom. He said he was relieving himself. Jokingly, I then suggested that he should have closed the door to the stall. He answered, "You don't understand. I was arrested while in the men's room." After a long pause, I asked him why he was in the men's room. He answered, "Well, I'm a man, aren't I?" I said, "Yes, I know that, and you know that, but just by looking at you, others wouldn't know that. By going into a men's room while fully dressed as a woman, you will certainly attract attention. You didn't need to take that risk, especially in a big shopping mall. If you had used the women's room, you probably would have gone undetected." When the judge heard the facts in the case, he leaned back, scratched his head, and said, "I wouldn't touch this case with a ten-foot pole. Case dismissed!"

After hearing this story, most people begin to focus on the real issue. I then follow up by asking, "If you were crossdressed and needed to use the washroom, which one would you use?" Some say the Men's, some say the Women's, but most respond by acknowledging the crossdresser's dilemma.

My canned answer continues, "Crossdressers are faced with a difficult practical problem when they need to use a washroom. Crossdressers are no different from others. We, too, must answer calls of nature, and need to use the washroom. Sometimes these calls can be at inappropriate times. On these occasions, my best advice to a crossdresser is to seek a washroom where he/she wouldn't be invading someone else's privacy. For example, by using a single person washroom as you would find in a filling station or a small restaurant. But, single person washrooms are not always available. In this situation, I suggest that the crossdresser use the ladies' room, go into the stall, close the door, and do your business. After you are finished, leave as quickly as possible. Do not stay around and visit with others in the washroom, as your presence may be misinterpreted. In short, go in, do what you came to do, and get out."

Some people will accept this answer. Others will not, and will follow up their first question with another. "Aren't there laws against a male using a ladies' room, or a female using a men's room?" My answer is that, generally speaking, there are no laws that prohibit a male from using a ladies' room, or vice versa. Yes, there are bathroom laws in some communities, but they are few and far between, and probably unenforceable. In my experience, I have not been able to locate any major community with a law that simply prohibits males in ladies' rooms. (If you know of such a law, please send me a copy of the ordinance, with its legal citation, not your anecdotal and probably incomplete story.)

Crossdressers have told me that they or someone they know was arrested while using a ladies' room. They try to convince me they were arrested because they were crossdressed. When I start probing for the full story, I always discover that there are additional facts which have been omitted. In my experience, on the extremely rare occasions that a crossdresser was arrested in a ladies' room, they are never charged with "being crossdressed in a ladies' room." They are charged with disorderly conduct or indecent exposure.

Disorderly conduct can be difficult to prove. What is disorderly conduct? Years ago, a judge here in the midwest threw out a flock of disorderly conduct charges, some of which involved crossdressing, because they were too vague! He found that the statute did not define disorderly conduct, nor had the city council expressed its legislative intent as to what conduct it considered disorderly. Because it was unclear as to what was disorderly, he held the ordinance to be unenforceable. He further held that leaving it to the discretion of the arresting officer was improper as the officer needed guidance from the statute. It is my contention, therefore, that being disorderly does NOT include going into the ladies' room, shutting the door to the stall, doing your business, and getting out. After all, that's what anyone would do in a washroom. You may want to wash your hands before leaving, but please, don't visit with others. If you do, you may open the situation up to who said what, and possibly a disorderly conduct charge. (Some crossdressers will only go to a ladies' room in the company of a female friend or spouse who will act as a shield to politely fend off any friendly or inquisitive persons who might also be there.)

Indecent exposure is a far more serious allegation, and usually involves the exposure to others of some part of the male anatomy. Therefore I urge you to go into the stall and shut the door before disrobing. Do not use the open area of the washroom to dress, undress, or change apparel. Be discreet!

At crossdressing functions the bathroom issue is always discussed with hotel management so that arrangements can be made to protect the privacy of all guests, including the crossdressers. Thus we see "Out of order," "Under Construction," or "Closed for Remodeling" signs on the washroom doors. The crossdresser, of course, knows this is the signal that the bathroom has been reserved for his/her use. Please observe these arrangements. They are practical answers to a practical problem.

Perhaps the bathroom issue is one that more appropriately belongs in the domain of the psychiatrist, psychologist, or sociologist rather than the lawyer. In many cultures, sex or gender in a public bathroom is irrelevant. I remember

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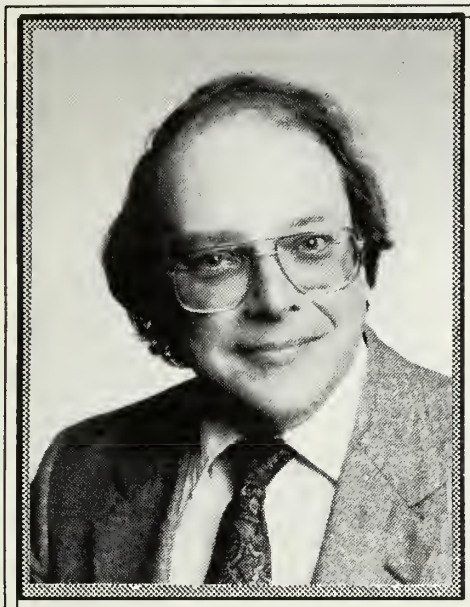

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Definitions (#58)

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Words -- they soothe, they excite. Too often they also cause anger and misunderstanding. While it would seem that a word is simply a word, all of us have personal interpretations for nearly every word. The more shared experiences we have with someone, the less chance there is for misinterpretation. People who have been married for a long time can often communicate a complex idea with a single word or phrase. Yet in everyday conversations there is always a chance that words we use will not carry the message we intend.

Since we use words to convey ideas to another person it is important to realize how easy it is to be misunderstood. We all think we know what is meant by terms such as transsexualism, cross-dressing, transvestism, and transgenderist. However, I suspect that if you were to talk to some of your friends you would find that you disagree on the exact meaning of such words.

While such differences can cause heated arguments, they do not have seeds of disaster included in them. However for the professional precision is critical. This means defining behaviors and emotions clearly. These standardized definitions are included in a professional publication called The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association. This menacing tome with its mysterious and impenetrable wording seems more like a sorcerer's book of spells than a book whose purpose is to help.

Perhaps the words "mental disorders" in the title create the fear and anger. There have been many discussions in the transgender community that argue for the elimination of definitions such as transsexualism and transvestism from this manual. Many persons who are either transvestites or transsexuals are not troubled by these feelings. It is seen as degrading to keep these definitions in the manual because they seem to stigmatize the typical transgendered person.

The DSM definitions are not absolute or perfect, neither do they apply to people in non-clinical settings. They are supposed to provide a frame of reference. This does not take away any freedom the professional has to adapt therapy to a specific person and their particular situation.

Words are always open to interpretation. The definition and usage of any given word can change over time -- just look at any dictionary. Definitions and the actions resulting from them always have the potential for abuse, either through misunderstanding or deliberate malice.

Imperfect as they are manuals, standards and dictionaries are the way human beings try to bring some order and consistency to the way we use words. Without such standardized meanings we would have an even more difficult time understanding each other.

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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES (#59)

Political Action Committees - we have all heard of them, usually in connection with lobbying Congress for some special interest group. Closer to home, the gay and lesbian community used this concept to begin the slow process of changing the public's attitude toward them. This movement is now emerging in a part of the transgender community.

While at the 1991 IFGE Convention in Denver, I had several opportunities to talk with Cynthia Howard of the Gender Alternatives League. Her goal is to remove the stigma from gender-associated behaviors that do not fit the cultural norm. While her current focus is on the removal of transgender behaviors from the DSM categories, I suspect that her goals are much broader.

I also had the opportunity to talk with many other members of the transgender community in a variety of settings. The resulting view, for me, is that the community is growing and changing. Not only have some differences within the community been resolved, there is also some evidence that we are becoming more active in educating the community about transgender behaviors.

There has been a rapid growth in both the number and strength of organizations that support the people of the community. In some ways this change parallels the changes that took place in the gay and lesbian community some 15 years ago. Are you on the same track? In many ways the similarities between the transgender and gay communities are quite striking, especially so when one focuses on the cross-dresser. Neither are visible unless they choose to reveal themselves. While some would say that you can identify a gay person by their looks, that is not true. Further, both the gay and the cross-dresser (had) have a lot to lose by "going public." In fact, despite progress, this is still true for the gay. Just witness the phenomenon called "outing" where someone who is in the closet is identified as gay by someone who is out of the closet. While public acceptance of gays and lesbians has improved, there are still many bigots and "gay bashers" left.

The question is whether the gains to be made by becoming more visible outweigh the very real potential for loss. I suspect the jury is still out for the gay community. However, the transgender community has benefitted from the gay community's efforts to gain public acceptance. I suspect the time is soon coming when we will see some movement in the transgender community to build on this foundation.

However, before you move in that direction, it is necessary to carefully formulate just what it is that you want the public to accept. What the gays asked for was simply respect and tolerance. They did not want to display their behavior. Will such be possible for the transgender community, especially if one aspect of the desired acceptance is public consent to cross-dressed males?

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LANGUAGE (#60)

We often are unaware of the significance of the tools we use every day. For example, we take the telephone for granted and yet, less than 60 years ago, it was a plaything for the rich. The most significant tool we have -- language -- is so ingrained in our daily lives that we are oblivious to its impact. This dependency is made visible when we travel to a foreign country where we do not speak the language. How helpless we feel. How uncomfortable.

At the recent IFGE Convention, one of the luncheon speakers was a woman who had some unique credentials. Among them, she was fluent in three very different languages -- English, Spanish and Navaho. Her presentation was structured to show how the use of English shapes the way we think. Her theory is that English is a very polar language (and I don't mean cold!). English does not support a middle ground. There is hot or cold, white or black, dark or light, true or false, war or peace, gay or straight, etc. One of the key polarities is male or female.

What this language structure does to our perception of the world is striking. Because we do not have many words to describe being "in between" we do not tolerate ambiguity very well. This can make us ill at ease when people do not fit into one of the language's pre-defined boxes.

I suggest that this discomfort is not a conscious reaction. Language is learned very early and quickly becomes automatic. Only the linguist really studies language and few of them study its influence on our thoughts and behavior. As we all have experienced, the right (or wrong) words can easily move us to sadness, peace or violence. In our everyday lives language moves and shapes us.

Nowhere is this inadequacy of our language more visible than in the area of human sexuality. It is even more obvious in the transgendered community. There are transvestites or transsexuals. While the term transgenderist describes people who live in the other gender role without genital surgery, it does not fit many persons who struggle with their gender identity.

The problems such language weakness creates for the transgendered person are uncountable. Because we (subconsciously) insist on polar categories, the person "in the

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Electrology

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Oh No! What Can The Matter Be?

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Recently I received a phone call from a man in the midwest, let's call him John. He had read an article of mine in which I described how electrolysis should feel. In it I had said that the client shouldn't feel the hair being pulled out. On occasion you may feel the tuft of the hair as it comes out of the follicle, but that is rare. The man complained of ingrown hairs, bumps, and pimples (acne vulgaris). He said that his electrologist was pulling out each hair. I pointed out two basic problems: he could pluck his own hair at home at no cost, and plucking was only temporary, his beard would sooner or later grow back. I suggested to this man that he either stop seeing this practitioner or explain to her that each hair needs to be killed at the root by the proper insertion of an electrolysis needle and the application of sufficient current.

He wanted to continue with this electrologist, let's call her Jane, because he felt comfortable with her. She understood his needs and situation. He decided to tell her about our conversation, and explain to Jane what he had learned from me. A week later I got a call from Jane. She said she had made a big mistake and felt terrible about John. She said his hair was thick, coarse, and white, the hardest to remove. She had wanted to make it easier to get John's beard hair to the stage where it could be permanently removed by plucking. She thought that by plucking all the hairs she could stimulate them into the growing, or anagen stage. This was totally wrong. Plucking or waxing only stimulates hair growth to promote more cell growth. This could lead to distorted hairs, imbedded hair root (papilla), or ingrown hair (pili incarnatio), further delaying the completion of the process.

I asked Jane if she had had any training in electrolysis. She said she had not. (The requirements for board certification vary greatly from state to state.) She said she had been plucking the hairs in order to promote finer hair growth, making her job easier and less painful for John. I pointed out that it doesn't work this way. She agreed and said that John had nothing but severe ingrown hairs, inflammation (dermatitis), and irritation due to some root tips being left in the follicle after plucking. I spent a long time on the phone convincing Jane that plucking was a no no.

As I explained to Jane, there are three stages of hair growth: anagen, catagen, and telogen. The anagen stage is the growth stage of the hair. It is the longest stage, and can last from a few months to a

years. The hair germ begins to grow downward and surrounds the root, or dermal papilla. The hair follicle grows to its maximum depth. When cell growth, or mitosis, ceases, the bulb separates from the papilla, and the hair, combining with the follicle and root, goes into the resting, or catagen phase.

Catagen is a brief transitional phase between anagen and telogen. It last a few weeks at most. The hair is completely grown at this point. At a given time, one to two percent of the hairs on the body are in this phase. During anagen, the hair follicle degenerates and separates from the root. The follicle shortens to about one-fourth to one-third its length, the connective tissue sheath shrinks and the derma papilla is freed from the bulb and moves upward.

During the telogen, or resting phase there is no activity in the follicle. This stage lasts from weeks to months. The hair that is present is a bulb, or club hair. At the end of this phase the hair exfoliates.

Jane had been plucking the hair thinking that she would stimulate anagen growth, and that by then plucking it in the anagen stage she would somehow end the growth cycle. Sometimes both plucking and electrolysis are blamed for stimulating new hair growth in a given area. This is not new hair growth or activation of potential follicles, however, but a stimulation of anagen growth that would have occurred anyway.

Deep, coarse beard hairs, like John's, often cannot be cauterized or permanently eliminated in just one treatment. The first treatment in a given area may only partially destroy the hair papilla, and the hair is then removed. About four to six weeks after the first treatment, the hair cells may produce another hair, finer than the first. Sometimes the same hair may take two to six months to reappear. The electrolysis process may take six to ten months to permanently remove one hair. Some extremely difficult cases may take a year or two. This will depend on how much hair is present, and on how much tweezing or waxing the patient has done. With each treatment, adhering to a schedule, the patient will see a slowing down of hair growth, and the hairs growing will become finer and softer over time. The hair growth will cease when all the cells have been destroyed.

Plucking will only postpone your goal of being cleared of superfluous hair. It hurts, too! So, throw away those tweezers!

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Editorial

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Rena's Workshop - Ancient Wisdom

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Rena Swifthawk is a Kiowa/ Chiricahua medicine woman. She is also a new woman. Before her transition she was a medicine man and roadman (chief) in the Native American Church. Her workshop at the 1992 Coming Together Convention in Houston was the first time she had ever presented her knowledge in anything other than a traditional way. Even more importantly, it was the first time she had ever presented her knowledge to a group of people who were not raised in her traditions. That meant she was about to speak, for the first time, to a group of people who did not understand her traditional way of teaching and learning, and had a very different understanding of the meaning of respect. I knew she was nervous, so I tried to help her. Unfortunately, I was a dumb Down-East Yankee and not a Native American, and all I succeeded in doing was show off my ignorance and disrespect, and make her more nervous. What it came down to was, "Hey, just be Rena, do it your way, and it'll turn out great." Well, she was Rena, she did it her way, and it did indeed turn out great.

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The session was over.

The overhead lights which seemed so dark just moments before, were once again bright. The pleasant smell of sweetgrass still lingered in the air, but the soft gentle Indian flute music that had such a mesmerizing affect on the session's participants became lost in the shuffling noises of people moving from their seats. There were many people with wide eyes glistening with tears, but no one spoke. Finally, the spell was broken when a voice called from the back of the room.

"I want to lodge a protest," said the session's hostess, with her hand in the air.

Rena, with a surprised but respectful look on her face, nodded her acknowledgement.

"I was given the assignment of handing out evaluation forms at the beginning of this session," the hostess continued, "but this session was beyond evaluation. It cannot be evaluated, and therefore I will not collect the evaluation forms."

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People smiled and nodded their approval.

Then a participant, nearly breathless, her hand on her breast, said, "This is the most profound experience I've ever had."

Another participant, trying to compose herself, announced so all around her could hear, "I have been in a lot of workshops, and have participated in a lot of ceremonies, but this is the first time I have been too overwhelmed to speak."

Another participant just sat in her seat and cried.

What did Rena do that could cause such an effect? The answer is, Rena did very little except to be Rena, and to share some of her ancient wisdom, wisdom passed down through the ages, and given to Rena by her elders and other medicine people. Let me explain what happened, or perhaps I should say, from a very subjective point of view, what I think happened.

I think Rena and her audience represented a head-on clash of cultures, and nothing less. American society is dominated by European traditions, European morals, and European religion. Everyone in the audience, myself included, were products of the dominant society. Rena was from a society that flourished long before the Europeans invaded. We were from a culture based on conquest, and greed, and power, and a "use-'em-up-'n-throw-'em-away" philosophy. Rena was from a culture where nothing was wasted, a culture based on balance, and following the path to happy and harmonious living. She was a surviving flower from a once beautiful garden, and we were from a society that chose to crush the flowers in that garden rather than learn to appreciate their beauty and live in harmony with them. The dominant society is a cruel society with a brutal history. In the light of that history, we should gain some appreciation of the courage it took for Rena to step out of her world to help us learn her ways, and in the process, help us learn our mistakes and heal our wounds, and the wounds of our society.

I'm sure most of the people who came to her session were expecting a workshop or a lecture, or some sort of a well thought out presentation. If that's what they were expecting, they didn't get it. It wasn't Rena's intention to teach anybody anything. Rather, she wanted to share some of the thoughts passed on to her by her elders, and by other medicine people. If people chose to learn something from these messages, that was up to them. In other words, she wasn't there to teach, rather, she was there to provide tools to help people learn for themselves.

To begin her session, Rena, dressed in appropriate native clothing, dimmed the lights, put on a tape of meditative Indian flute music, and spread a few sacred items from her medicine box on a blanket. (The blanket was Rena's Sundance blanket, and was also a sacred item.) Her intent was to create an atmosphere with which she was familiar and could feel comfortable. What she did was create an atmosphere with which she could bring people who were unfamiliar with her ways, into her world, and help them better understand her messages. She did not set the stage for a workshop, she set the stage for an experience.

The next thing she did was give everyone a lesson in good old-fashioned Native American respect. Most of us from the dominant society have a completely different understanding of what the word "respect" means. Basically, most of us are nothing more than nasty little self-centered brats, bullies who think respect means power, a negotiable item that can be bought, or forced upon others. To Rena, respect means something you practice to maintain balance and harmony; treating everything, even yourself, as something sacred. Well, apparently, Rena has had some experience with disruptive arrogant, disrespectful "white people" before, and she was ready for them. She stood there with her talking stick in hand, and in a gentle but very persuasive way, laid down the law. She told them she was to be respected. No one was to speak if they did not have the talking stick. When she was talking, she was never to be interrupted. She was never to be challenged. If anyone was not willing to comply with her requirements they were asked, "in a good way," to leave. No one left. Lesson #1 was understood.

What prompted Rena to lay down the law like that? My guess is Rena is not only the product of a very different social and spiritual attitude than ours, she is also the product of a very different kind of education. We are used to the authoritative intellectual approach, to thinking of a workshop leader as someone who is there to teach us something. *(continued on page 17)*

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now the second most common cause of death from cancer in the male, second to cancer of the bronchus and the lung, and exceeding that of any portion of the digestive tract. Some believe that it is connected with the same altered ratio of testosterone and estrogen, occurring with advancing age. This puts it strongly into a hormone-balance etiology, but with the possibly a genetic predisposition associated. Time and further study will clarify this important point and elucidate just how estrogen is involved in the process. As we will see, estrogen therapy is used to moderate advanced disease in some individuals.

Complaints in early malignant change may be absent and only with advanced disease and with foci of the cancer in the bone are complaints noted. Once complaints begin, however, they have to do with pain in the pelvis and low back areas and are most often associated with changes in urinary habits. Advanced obstructive symptoms in urination, painful urination, bloody urine, incontinence - all are a part of the urinary dysfunction. Diagnosis is made in a number of ways, often by a combination of techniques. The rectal examination is still the most helpful in the initial evaluation. It aids greatly in the indication for needle biopsy, blood testing for various enzymes, cystoscopy and various X-ray techniques. Treatment is variable. There is a recently developed blood test that could help considerably in making early diagnosis of prostate cancer. A specific substance known as prostate-stimulating antigen (PSA) can be identified in the blood in a notable number of men with prostatic malignancy. While the test is very specific, it is not absolute, which means that a number of males may have malignant disease and not have a positive test. Still, it is a very worthwhile diagnostic study and is now part of early screening of all males for the potential development of this cancer.

For those considered operable, radical prostatectomy is done. For those wherein surgery is not considered a help to cure, or amelioration of the disease, radiation, chemotherapy and hormonal therapy techniques are currently in use. It is known that prostatic cancer is testosterone-dependent, hence, castration with or without estrogen therapy is part of the regimen, and medical castration therapy using anti-androgens such as Androcur has been used.

All men after the age of 45 should have a rectal exam yearly to help in the early diagnosis, as well as a PSA blood test. It is true that while these simple, yet highly instructive exams can occasionally miss an early cancer, still for such an insidious malignancy as it is, these examinations are a must for all. We've mentioned the role of estrogen in the therapy of prostatic cancer and the medical literature is filled with reports of how it shrinks primary and metastatic disease in many individuals for variable periods of time. The question to be asked quite naturally is whether estrogen use, as in the regimen of M-to-FTS individuals, is protective against this malignancy. The answer -- no one has devised such a study. It would be quite difficult to find a number, large or small, of non-transgendered men who at an early age in life would consent to use estrogen or even an anti-androgen for a considerable long time, perhaps a lifetime, in order to establish an incidence of prostatic cancer in that group. This, in fact, would be impossible. Is there any incidence of prostatic cancer in the M-to-F individual on an estrogen regimen? No reports exist in the medical literature to give insight into this question.

In brief, we have examined some ideas about the prostate, an organ which is part of the sexual accessory gland group in the genetic male. It is helpful in reproduction, though not essential to fertility. It has no other function. It is quite liable to be a problem at one time or another in our health.

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visiting a public washroom in a large entertainment complex in Austria. There were separate entrances at each end of the building for "Men" and "Women," but once inside, it was one large public bathroom with a row of sinks on one side and a row of stalls on the other. No one seemed to mind.

I do have a final solution to the bathroom problem. At Napi's Restaurant in Provincetown, Mass., there is an alcove with a sign above it that reads "Rest Rooms." There are three doors. The one on the left says "MEN." The one on the right says "WOMEN." And, the one in the center says "EITHER/OR"!

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Obviously this polarity also creates some of the social problems that the transgendered persons encounter. Society understands masculine and feminine, but not some mixture of the two.

Is there a solution? Probably not, because to change the constructs of the English language is nearly impossible. The best we can do is to accept each person for who they are and not try to force them into a labelled box to ease our own discomfort.

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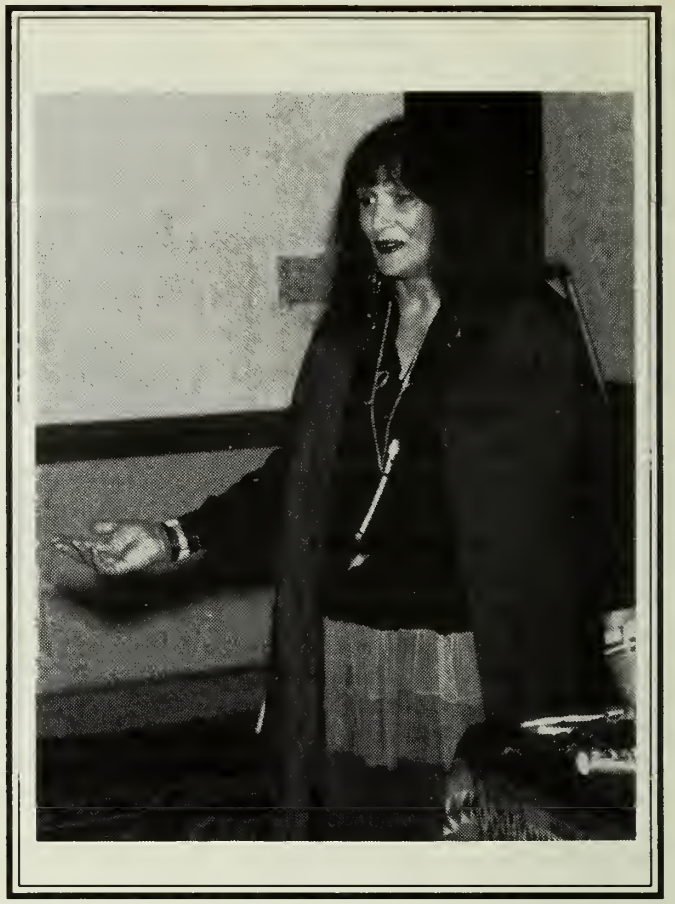
Therefore, we assume the right to probe the instructor with questions, and to challenge his knowledge. Rena was not a teacher, and her knowledge is beyond challenge, and cannot really be explained in "white man's" terms. It is not a knowledge that can be acquired by academic pursuit. It must be learned from using both the intellectual mind and the spiritual mind. As I said, Rena was not there to teach anyone anything. She was there to use her age-old stories and messages to help them learn for themselves. She expected people to listen to her messages, and feel their meaning. She expected them to become involved spiritually, as well as intellectually.

To learn for ourselves ... the most important and the most difficult lesson of all, almost beyond the understanding of people who grew up in the dominant society. Therefore, it was quite understandable why Rena was not going to tolerate anyone judging her by their irrelevant and narrow-minded criteria. "Respect me and my ways, or leave!" Simple, harsh, -- and quite proper.

As I said, Rena is the product of a very different education. Most of us, myself included, learned via the classroom, and by reading textbooks, and listening to teachers, and preachers, and politicians, and a lot of other so-called authorities who told us who we were, what we were supposed to think, what we were supposed to know, what we were supposed to do, and how we were supposed to act. Most of us nodded politely, and thought and did what we were told. A few of us rejected what we were told and went off on our own. However, most of us were never taught how to survive on our own. Without the tools to survive, our quests were, for the most part, doomed to frustration and failure.

Ours was an intellectual path to knowledge. We needed to know, but our way of knowing was through the use of categories. We categorized everything, especially ourselves. People who didn't know bean curd from liverwurst were telling us who and what we were. They labeled us, and we, the damned fools that we were, we accepted the labels. Suddenly we were "transvestites," or "crossdressers," or "heterosexual," or "homosexual," or "heterosexual crossdressers," or "transgenderists," or "androgynes," or "true transsexuals," or "secondary transsexuals," or what's the latest? "Bigenderists?" Most of us found ourselves trapped in a category unable to find a way out except via another category.

Well, Rena's education did not come through the dominant society's school system. She did not follow the intellectual path to knowledge. There were no PhD's, or any other academic merit badges tacked on to her name. Rena's education came from the oral traditions of her elders, who were taught by their elders, who were taught by their elders, and so on, for thousands of years. Her knowledge was passed



on to her by the ancestors of the North, the keepers of all knowledge. Her knowledge came from following the medicine path since the age of 13, and from the Sun Dance, the Beardance, the Gourd Dance, and other sacred ceremonies. It came from vision quests, and countless sacred sweats. It came from learning with both her mind and her heart. Hers was the sacred path to knowledge.

What is the sacred path? In our path to knowledge we say, "This is this, and that is that, and that is all." Everything is treated as an object to be studied and analyzed and reduced to categories and physical law. In the sacred path everything is sacred, and treated with profound respect. Rather than being told what is what, we are given the tools to find out for ourselves, and to learn respect. We are given the tools and the exercises to help us learn how to respect all things, to respect life, and to acknowledge that all things are alive. We are given the tools to learn how to live in balance with ourselves, with other people, with the natural world (Grandmother Earth), and with the sacred powers (the Creator, or God). We are given the tools to learn how to be the caretakers of all life. We are given the tools to understand without the use of categories. Giving us the tools to learn respect and understanding was exactly what Rena was doing in her session.

She was taking a group of people who had all been brought up in the dominant society to follow the intellectual path, and introducing them to the sacred path. It was, in truth, a most profound experience.

To better understand the meaning and the power of this session, put yourself in the position of a first-time participant.

You are a relatively innocent participant at a regular CD/TS convention when you see a workshop labeled 'Native American Traditions'. You've heard of the word "berdache" before and you say to yourself, "Could be interesting, think I'll go."

You enter the room and notice the room seems darker than usual, and there's flute music in the background, and you feel a little strange. After all, you expected a lecture, and this is not the setting for a lecture. You begin to wonder what you got yourself into, but you're curious, so you take your seat anyway.

Then you notice a display of Indian artifacts, but it looks more like an altar than a display.

An attractive young woman dressed in Indian regalia appears. She introduces herself as Rena, then points a stick at you. She speaks in a soft but startlingly powerful voice, and gives you a lesson in respect and Native American manners. You are completely taken aback by this, for never in all the workshops you have ever attended were you told how to behave. However, you appreciate the instruction, for Native American etiquette is quite different than your own. What you would consider active participation, Rena would consider rude and disrespectful. Without the instruction you would never have known. You are then invited to leave if you cannot comply. You don't leave, and neither does anyone else, and suddenly you realize this is going to be unlike anything you have experienced before. You become a little excited, and perhaps even a shiver creeps down the back of your neck.

She then burns a strip of sweetgrass, and with a sacred hawk's wing fan spreads the smoke around the room. She explains she is smudging, which is a cleansing ceremony. The ceremony reminds you of your priest back home blessing his congregation with the smoke from burning frankincense. You become confused. You aren't here to get religion, you're here to find out about Native American traditions. Yet, at the same time you find the smudge has a pleasing smell, and even has a spiritually uplifting feel about it. You feel kind of good.

Then the bombshell hits. You are told you can't think in terms of categories. How are you supposed to think if you can't use categories? How are you supposed to understand anything about Native American traditions if you can't use categories? Isn't the word "berdache" a category? Yes, of course it is. Then you realize berdache is a washicu (white man's) word, not a Native American word. Even Rena, who you thought was a berdache, calls you a special one, and herself a maho, or twin-souled person.

Rena then says you may listen with your mind, but more importantly, you must listen with your heart. Suddenly a brilliant lightbulb flashes, and you go, "Oooooooh!" You realize that in your society everyone uses categories. You think of yourself as a garden-variety transvestite, which is a category, and Rena as a berdache, which is a category. Rena's people look at the reality of a person's spirit, and a person's spirit is beyond categorization. Calling you a special one is a way of describing <u>you</u>, and not your category. It is a way of treating you, your spirit and not your label, with respect. Your realize Rena expects you to honor people for what they are, and not what they are called.

As she talks you realize something else. Your society thrives on placing value judgments on categories, and you, and everyone you know has first-hand knowledge of the vicious and devastating effects of those value judgments. Your people believe there is good and evil, and many have declared you evil. For Rena's people there is only good. They believe the Creator created many different kinds of people to give the world balance. The Creator created you to give the world balance. Then you remember your lesson in respect, and it all makes sense. Rena's people treat all people, all life, with respect. To not respect people's differences, to not honor all life, is to throw you, all people, all life out of balance. You think for a moment. No, your people do not respect all life, and yes, the world is out of balance.

As she talks you realize something else. You live in a society that is in the habit of wasting resources, and wasting people. Rena lives in a society that doesn't waste resources or people. You begin to ask questions like, "How can we live in harmony with each other if we do not respect each other's differences and we throw people away?" "How can we survive if we destroy that that gives us life?" You begin to feel that the dominant society, your society, is on the path to self destruction, and Rena's society, the society your ancestors tried to rub out, holds the keys to survival.

You begin to feel a maelstrom of sensations -- hope, anger, fear, guilt, joy, love, awe. You begin to feel overwhelmed by the messages Rena is sharing with you, the endless lessons and insights, and the awesome common sense of the ancient wisdom of Rena's ancestors.

You begin to feel respect for Rena, and by doing so you realize you not only honor Rena, you honor her traditions, and you honor her people. You also find that by respecting, you get respect in return. You also find you are feeling respect, not thinking respect, and by doing so you can feel spiritually respectful of all things -- other people, the environment, and the Creator, your God, the creative force that made all things, and the power that heals, and maintains all things.

This sensation of feeling spiritually respectful is an extraordinary and wonderful sensation. You begin to cry, and your body begins to shake. Suddenly you make the greatest discovery of all. The Creator made you, and gave you the gift of your soul. Your desire to crossdress is nothing less than a gift from the Creator, a part of your soul that needs to express itself in that way. You were given this gift for something far greater than pleasure. You were given this gift for a reason. You don't understand the reason, but, perhaps for the first time, you know for a fact that you are indeed, a "special one."

Then Rena says, "You have the power within you to be shamans, to be healers. The Creator gave you that power." You never thought of yourself as a healer before, but you no longer doubt anything she says. "You are here," she continues, "to learn to use the tools of your power in a good way." By now any preconceived notion of what this session was about has long since vanished, and you are simply tuned in to what Rena was saying. "You are the third sex. You were put here by the Creator to restore the balance of Mother Earth that we have destroyed."

She then kneels and sings a traditional Native American song of healing. The song pierces your soul.

You have learned many things, things about yourself, how special and how blessed you really are, and how important you are to bringing balance back to the earth. You have learned the true nature of this session. It is a session to help you feel your power, and to use your power in a good and healing way. You realize this session was a lesson without a conclusion, an exercise that will continue for the rest of your life.

You stand, shaken, light headed, and silent. Your head is awhirl with all the input you have received, and you know you cannot absorb it all. The session is over, yet you know you will continue learning from it for years to come. You know you must practice what you have learned, then come back to Rena again to relearn, and practice. You feel both you and your sense of purpose have changed ... they have evolved. Your eyes are wide, glistening with tears. Then you hear someone in the back of the room say, "This session is beyond evaluation, it cannot be evaluated!" Then you see another person who looks very much like you, say, "This is the most profound experience I've ever had," and another locked in her chair crying.

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BREAST IMPLANTS

Dear Editor:

On Monday, Feb. 10, 1992, Dow/Corning held a press conference and released statements containing in-house memos and scientific studies revealing that Dow/Corning was aware of problems with silicone-gel breast implants practically from the beginning. The main problem revealed was an alarming failure rate. Dow/Corning said, officially, that the failure rate was one-half of one percent. However, one of the memos revealed that doctors had found an alarming failure rate of between 11-32%. This set off an alarm in at least one memo, by Dow/Corning salesman, that said, "I don't know who is responsible for this decision, but it ranks right up there with the Ford Pinto."

Dow/Corning's reaction to all this has been to yank president John Luddington, and replace him with Keith McKennon, a Dow Chemical trouble-shooting specialist who oversaw the parent companies' trials and tribulations with the Union Carbide disaster in Bhopal, India. Doesn't really inspire trust, does it?

The FDA's next step is to determine guide lines for those who currently have silicone-gel implants. Those who were waiting for implants will probably continue to wait for awhile, at least, and probably should.

But, what concerns me most is that nowhere have I seen mention of the impact this must have on some of silicon-gel's best customers: pre- and post-operative transsexuals. It's not all that surprising when you consider how the US medical community only recently moved past the idea that transsexuals were something to dissect rather than someone to assist and help with their medical needs.

So, what happens now? For those of you who have had implants, see your doctor/surgeon, and insist on being kept up-to-the-moment on any developments. If you are unsatisfied with your doctor's suggestions, get a second opinion. Follow the developments yourself, stay aware. Don't panic and insist that your surgeon remove them. There are suggestions that removal is much more likely to create problems than leaving them alone (similar to the mercury fillings removal argument).

For those of you awaiting implants, well, for now, try a smaller bra size. And don't you panic, either. You know that the medical research companies, including Dow, will be moving at the speed of light to find a way to make a truly safe implant because of the profits involved.

Finally, if any of you think that maybe some harm has come to you because of these implants, first, see your doctor. Then, maybe, see your lawyer. I'm no expert, but Dow's cover-up borders on outrageous conduct to say the least.

Sincerely,

Staci K.
Michigan

TO THINE OWN SELF . . .

Dear Editor:

Lately I have been noticing a number of articles that attempt to explain why we are the way we are, or what causes us to be the way we are, or attempting to place labels on us that will cover our whole community. These articles appear in the Tapestry, and in other magazines that serve us.

Why not just do what we want others to do, accept our uniqueness. I am not you. I don't know your feelings. I can only react to you as I am. I am unique. You are unique. We share similarities with each other. We share similarities with others who don't share our crossdressing. Virginia Prince was a pioneer. She opened the door for many of us. Some stepped right out, others emerged slowly, some never did, nor ever will. Whatever, she did us all a great service. Lately, though, her articles seem to focus on finding reasons for our being the way we are and defining who we are with specific terms that will cover our diversity. Why are we so interested in putting ourselves into categories so that others will be able to identify us and group us together? Aren't we thus falling into the trap that we have for so long felt the need to escape? Haven't we tried to escape the tight boundaries that society has placed on gender? Isn't what we are doing a way of strengthening society's attempt to put such boundaries on us?

For my part, I say let's be ourselves. Let's react to one another as unique individuals. Call me a crossdresser, a transvestite, a femmiphile, whatever. I am who I am, and the best way for society to understand me is for me to interact with society. I will not be accepted by all. No one ever is. What I can do is strive to exhibit a positive image no matter how I am dressed.

Some say, "Lead, follow, or get out of the way." I say, "If your leaders are going in a direction that is tangential to your own thoughts, go in your own direction and maybe you can lead by example." We can all lead if we will take the time to discover who we are and then go with those feelings. Be yourself. Be unique. Be brave. Thank you Virginia Prince, et al. Your leadership has been invaluable. But, it is not the final word. We all must be involved in writing the continuous

history and evolution of our world. The struggle will never end. It is the human struggle in the context that fits our lives. And as we progress through our individual lives, we must all react to it individually. Let's not get lost in finding reasons for our natures, or in placing labels on us that will only help society put us into small categories that do nothing to free us to live our lives as we see fit. Let's live our lives as people, valuable, and worthy of acceptance simply for the fact of being ourselves. We will never have everyone's acceptance. Let's rejoice in those who do accept us and at least present a positive image to those who can't.

Affectionately,

Emily C.
New York

GIFT GIVING AND SUPPORT

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you , your staff, and those who volunteer their time to such a worthwhile cause. Although I have only been a subscriber since September, the IFGE has been an invaluable resource to me.

This will no doubt seem silly, but I have known of the existence of IFGE for over two years, and just could not find the courage to get a postal box and contact you sooner. Fear can sometimes be very debilitating. My first letter was just a request for information, and I envisioned it as the start of much unsolicited mail. My paranoia even motivated me to wipe it clean of all prints. How did I know it wasn't a trap?

All my worries were, of course, unfounded. What I discovered was an organization that places the confidentiality of its members in the highest regard. Needless to say, I'm very at ease with my decision to subscribe. Furthermore, I was (and still am) totally amazed at the sophistication and professionalism of the IFGE, Tapestry, and the many events routinely conducted across the country. All of this has been beyond my wildest expectations. While I have received many invitations, not once have I been pressured or imposed upon.

This brings me to my reason for writing. It's not my desire to hold myself out as a model to others. It is rather my intent to emphasize that this organization has many associates with each needing to fill a vital role. It takes a team effort. No one of us can single-handedly provide for the future of IFGE. Additionally, teams are generally made up of a cross-section of persons. Not everyone is a superstar. Some are even relatively obscure, but their contributions are nevertheless important.

So it is with each of us. We have significant individual roles to fulfill, though they may not have equal stature. Someday I hope to have a greater physical presence, but now is just not the right time for me. It is easy to become complacent, to take things for granted, and to think in terms of what is minimally required. This organization, though, was obviously founded and built upon many extraordinary efforts, and nothing short of that will keep it healthy and strong. It is up to all of us to rise to the occasion together.

Keep up the good work! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Breanda R.

CAREFULLY, VERY CAREFULLY

Dear Editor:

I last wrote you a couple of years ago, and you printed my letter in issue #56, which I really appreciated. I was just beginning my transition, and had not yet begun taking hormones. I was investigating the effects of the hormones, and the different kinds. I highly recommend that anyone even remotely considering taking hormones read the writings of Dr. Sheila Kirk before proceeding, and also choose the right endocrinologist. Hormones are not to be taken lightly.

I am a thirty-five year old transsexual living in Toronto, Ontario. I take an ever-increasing role in the TS community here. I am very wisely taking my transition STEP-BY-STEP, and have found that in taking the slower route, I have more time to plan the most important change of my life. If you are going to do something like taking hormones, and having sex reassignment surgery, make sure that you do it right, and for the right reasons. You do not want to wake up in the morning and wonder, "What the hell did I do?"

I try as much and as often as possible to help others like me who have gender problems, as we all have to help one another. I hope to have surgery some day, but seeing as how we are currently in a recession, I choose to put my emphasis on life beyond surgery. My personal emphasis is on continuing education - on the job training and retraining - so that after surgery or no surgery, we can live successful and happy lives in our chosen gender. Surgery is not the BE-ALL AND END-ALL. You can have your surgery, but fail in life.

There are a lot of us who aren't in financially rewarding jobs, but our struggle is the same as someone who can easily afford their own surgery. Anyway, I hope that I make it through my transition. I have started my two-year full-time period, and have been on hormones for the past ten months. I intend to go the full two years before I apply for the surgery. Meanwhile, I will try to help other people in the community try to achieve their goals safely and successfully. If this letter helps someone else do what is best for them, I will be happy.

Yours very truly,

Sabrina B.
Canada

BRAVOS FOR 'BI & BI'

Dear Editor:

How wonderful that you printed Andy Plumb's article which actually admitted that we girls do have a sexual self, too. IFGE and Tapestry have studiously avoided anything of a sexual content for these many years, while other publications have provided little else to their readers. I congratulate you for the editorial strength to take this logical and important step. Tapestry is, and always has been, the BEST publication of its type, and occasional discussions of sexual issues is something I believe you must undertake.

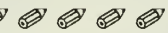
I have written to at least fifty or sixty of the girls in Tapestry, and in about 90% of the cases, we eventually discuss sex quite openly. In my opinion, this topic represents another "closet" equally as intimidating as the one we left in bra and panties. It took years to overcome the guilt I had over being a crossdresser, but I did overcome it! When I ultimately realized that I could be attracted to another crossdresser, I was as frightened as the first time I dressed, and I received no help from my favorite expert - Tapestry. I immediately labeled myself as "bi" and, since I was sure that almost all crossdressers were "hetero," I got the guilts again. Worst of all, I never did anything about finding a crossdresser to make love to. I just watched videos, looked at magazines, and stayed in my sexual closet. Finally, one evening another crossdresser whom I found very attractive, made one small advance, and we were soon in her car. Our little session was hot and much too fast. With little foreplay, I went quickly to my goal, attacking it with an enthusiastic skill which amazed and delighted me. When it was over, she indicated she had known me for some time, yet had no idea I was even the slightest bit interested in sex with another CD. My reply was a quick "ditto."

Since then, I have allowed my feminine sexuality to blossom. I rarely make love to a woman, except as a woman, and, although few and far between (for the reasons cited above), I adore making love to another crossdresser.

Keep up the fine work, and don't be afraid of this topic. Its avoidance is a lie in itself.

Sincerely,

Donna



. . . TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US.

Dear Editor:

I am a closet queen and have to be so because of my position in the community. I have never had contact with other TVs, nor talked to anyone about it except my wife. She isn't happy about it, so it's just a silent agreement to keep it quiet.

This preface is to let you know that Tapestry was a real eye-opener to me. I have hungered for a more intelligent outlet for TVs than some rag that has guys with girls' clothes on wanting to meet you for a meaningful relationship.

Your magazine had a great impact on me. Especially K. J. Moore's article "A Married Transvestite is Never Alone." Although I think I am a thoughtful person, I really came away with a new insight of my own. Since I read the piece, I have taken my wife to dinner, a movie, and the beach. I really feel for her in a different way, now. I never realized how many demands and restraints I put on her to accept or live with my feminine side.

Then there was Kyndel Kellis's article about alcoholism. Boy did she sure expose a new twist of my infatuation with feminine ways. I don't think I had a drink for two weeks after I read the article. Thank you. I must learn how to be less dependent on alcohol.

Anyway, Girls, thanks for your outstanding work. There's one sister out here who was much changed and will anxiously be waiting for your next issue.

Sincerely,

Brandi

PROGRESS, OUR MOST IMPORTANT . . .

Dear Editor:

Just wanted to say, "Hi!" and express my thanks for what you are doing.

I guess as far as TVs go, I'm a wanna be. I talk with the local Delta Omega folks, and it alternately helps, raises me up, makes me curious, makes me uneasy, but mostly helps.

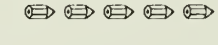
Still, the most wonderful thing is I am now making some slow progress with my wife. We're enjoying a part of me I never thought a woman could accept. I'm trying to take it easy. I've got 37 of 42 years of my life in which I've got crossdressing memories. Since she has started accepting, a lot of my compulsiveness has tapered off. That's good, I think.

I'm still not at the stage of going to a meeting. Part of that is not wanting to tell my wife this stuff has other people in it. Well, right or wrong, that's my judgment.

Thank God for Dr. Peggy Rudd, IFGE, Tri-Ess, Boulton & Park, et al. I wish I could meet you all!

Sincerely,

Lin T. (TX)



HOW DO YOU TELL THEM? HERE'S WHAT I DID

Dear Editor:

Telling friends and family is one of the most difficult aspects of the coming out process. Because of this I decided to share a letter which I used to give information to my friends and family members concerning my lifestyle. I felt that publishing it might be helpful to others that are struggling with the same issues.

Dear . . .

I realize that what I am about to tell you may cone as somewhat of a shock. Perhaps you have always known that there was something a little different about me, but never knew quite what it was. All my life I have kept a certain very important part of me hidden, at times even from myself. I have reached a point in my life, however, where I feel that it is best for myself and those around me to be completely open and honest about who and what I am. I hope you will do your best to understand and remain open-minded as you read what I am about to tell you: I am a crossdresser.

I know that it may be hard for you to accept that I am not the person that you believed me to be, and that you might find it difficult at first to interact with me since finding out about this aspect of my life. I can appreciate and respect your feelings, for if there is one thing that I have discovered during my period of self-acceptance, it is that some things take awhile to come to terms with.

There have been many changes in my life, not all of which I would have chosen had I been given a choice beforehand, but which have contributed greatly to my own personal growth. Though recently I have needed to leave some things behind, still I feel that the path that I am now on is the right one for me. Never before have I felt such a sense of appropriateness as I have experienced during this period of transition; not only in terms of personal growth, but also in the opportunity it has afforded me to be a part of a supportive community in which I can at last fit, and which is actively working toward our acceptance by the rest of society. Perhaps as people learn to accept that we are all both masculine and feminine, and begin to integrate rather than divide the two, we will find the peace and unity that God intended as our birthright, and no longer feel the need to strive against one another.

I cannot tell you why I am doing what I am doing, for there is no answer to that. Opinion is divided in the professional community as to whether the cause is hereditary, environmental, or due to physiological factors. In any case, most tend to agree that there is nothing psychiatry can do to cure transgendered behavior, as it is not a mental illness. Studies have shown that transgenderism is not something that will go away with time, nor have efforts to give it up ever proved successful. The need, therefore, is for understanding and acceptance. For myself, I can only say that for the first time in my life I feel that I am following my true path, and feel more at peace with myself than I ever have before.

It is, I suppose, a challenging path for a person to take, and one that is diffecult for many to understand, as crossdressing is not necessarily indicative of homosexuality, bisexuality, or the desire for a sex change. Though often confused, there is a difference between sex and gender. I have found after much soul searching that my personal need is to express myself in a lifestyle that is less restricted than that usually accorded to my biological gender.

I do not profess to be a woman. However, I have always felt a strong need for feminine expression. Femininity has always come naturally to me, while masculinity was something that I had to "learn," and which always seemed forced. Though to all outward appearances I was a man, I never felt like one.

I feel that I was born into the body that I have for a purpose, which I believe is to accept and integrate the male and female within myself, and to work for the acceptance of my community by society.

I know that you may not find it easy to understand the things I am doing, but please try to realize that I am, at last, expressing who I am needing to be. I hope that in time you can appreciate that you have not lost the person that you once knew, but rather have gained, in me, a person who is on the road to discovering inner peace.

I care about you, and I hope you care enough about me to accept me for the person that I am inside, and not judge me by the lifestyle I have chosen and the clothes I choose to wear on my body.

In God's love,

Lauren (CA)

FIREMAN TRANSITIONS ON THE JOB

Dear Editor:

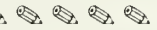
I have really enjoyed reading the Tapestry these last few years since I started subscribing. It has been a great resource for me as I searched and sought along the treacherous path of gender dysphoria and gender recovery.

Being a transsexual on the Los Angeles fire department has been very difficult, to say the least. The last few years I thought about retiring and then going through my change. Well, I got angry. Why should I give up my career? I realized I was now very grounded and centered. My emotional health and self esteem were excellent, so I went through channels with the department, and we planned my transition from male to female. The LAFD's fire chief and his administration have been very pro-active and supportive of my gender change decision. I am extremely grateful for that, and proud to be a Los Angeles firefighter.

The most important factor in my recovery, or greatly improved emotional health and self esteem (I come from a dysfunctional family and was ashamed of my own feelings and thoughts) is my many years in very intensive psychotherapy work that incorporated neo-Reichian body work called Radix. Who knows what causes gender dysphoria? My experience of my gender dysphoria, self hatred, and the inability to be in touch with all of my feelings kept me screwed up most of my life. So, my point is, without a lot of really hard work in therapy, I would not have been able to come out of hiding and declare who I really was. I am so happy to be in touch with my emotions and my body, and to be an emerging woman.

Sincerely,

Michelle K. (CA)



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SEX CHANGE

Firefighters Learn to Deal With Captain's Decision

In the wake of a veteran fire captain's decision to undergo a sex change, officials have been conducting sensitivity sessions throughout the Los Angeles City Fire Department to help the captain's colleagues cope.

Capt. Michelle K., who was hired by the department 22 years ago as Michael K., said the department has been very supportive of her decision to be known henceforth as a woman and to remain a platoon commander at Station 62.

"Chief Manning has been fabulous," she said. "I'm glad to be here. . . . This is my career, and I love it."

Fire officials confirmed that ranking department officers and a department psychologist have been counseling personnel at Station 62 and other firehouses in the city to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible.

K., who is on vacation, is commander of one of three three-person platoons that work rotating shifts at the firehouse.

The men in K.'s platoon, . . . all said they were glad to be working for the captain and had no objections to their commander's decision to become a woman.

"It's his own thing," one of them said. "Whatever he wants to do, that's OK with me.

"The department sat us down and talked to us about it a little while ago," the firefighter added. "Nobody's complained. No one's transferred out. Nobody wants to."

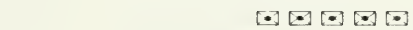
"Everybody knows about it," another member of the platoon said. "It's the kind of thing everyone talks about. But I don't have any trouble with it, and I don't know anyone who has."

Chief Manning issued a statement Friday afternoon saying that the department "has no opinion or policy regarding the decision which has been made by Capt. K.

"That decision is one which we regard as a personal decision, and we expect employees to continue to treat each other with utmost professinalism, courtesy and respect," the chief said.

K. becomes the second woman to reach the rank the rank of captain in the Fire Department. The other one is Roxann B., who was promoted to that rank a year ago and commands a platoon in South Central Los Angeles.

K. and B. are the highest-ranking of the 39 women in the department.



SPIRIT AND SPIRITUALITY

Dear Editor:

I was recently introduced to your fine Tapestry magazine, as well as Walter L. Williams's book, The Spirit and the Flesh. Upon reading the book, I noticed a few similarities with experiences in my own life, which I would like to share with your readers.

I am forty-two years old, born in Queens, with some time spent in Brooklyn (not exactly a hotbed of Berdache culture), of French-Indian and Italian extraction (an unusual combination for the Big Apple). Starting at about eight years old, I could predict the final score of my best friends' little league games, and tell how many cards were in a deck by the feeling the thickness of it. These tricks are not unusual in New York City, and would, at best, qualify one for an apprenticeship in a Coney Island side show. More important, I felt that I wanted to be a woman.

While this deep feminine feeling would always be there, the educational system of the late fifties and early sixties made things so confusing that only a feeling of displacement remained. But, just about everybody in Queens acted out-of-place to one degree or another, so a "special problem" was not assumed. Throught the years, a crossdressing desire surfaced periodically, to quickly fade, but several "psychic" experiences kept coming along. Telepathic communication with my first wife (who I'm sure tapped my mind to beat me at canasta), a feeling that I was destined to marry a blue-eyed blonde (something that didn't make the first marriage easy since she had dark features), and continuing cases of déjà vu.

In my own case, déjà vu (or premonitions of the future) is not something you can take to the race track for a killing, or say that such-

and-such will occur on this future day at a time certain. Some time during the day or night you see a future scene which is saved away in the brain. Then, one day, you're in a particular situation, and everything about what you see is familiar and exactly matches your memory. Yesterday, after an office meeting, and while reading Tapestry issue #55 at lunchtime, I recognized the scenes, down to the cover picture on the issue lying on my desk. This is why I wrote this letter, to tie in these unusual experiences to male femininity and Berdache tradition to the degree I can.

"Seeing" the future implies, I think, that each of us has a destiny shaped by both our potential and our actions. My destiny was to be a somewhat feminine male (all 225 lbs. and 6'2" of me), starting at an early age. Without verbalizing my day-to-day actions and feelings, I headed into this way of life (transgender) with detours due to ignorance, laziness and confusion. The main strength was an ability to avoid a deep commitment to "macho male" behavior, which fell off whenever it stuck (not a conscious effort).

From what I have read, when one sees something clearly, such as "destiny" (crossdressing, feminine personality sides, or whatever) and ignores it, the mind deteriorates. Following one's feelings, however, starts into motion a series of wide-ranging actions that lead to an uncertain future (that we occasionally catch glimpses of and then may recognize when it occurs).

In my case, the "blue-eyed blonde" materialized and now actively supports my transgender behavior. In fact, she has been friends with other TG people, and was told by a psychic, just before we met, that her destiny was to be tied in with a tall, dark French-Italian man (strangely similar to the "tall, dark and handsome" line usually associated with palm readers). The acceptance of crossdressing and cross-acting by my and her family has been so valuable and important.

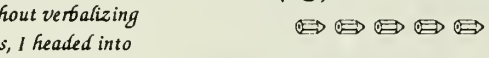
While I certainly don't claim Berdache status, or the greatest degree of sensitivity, my life has unconsciously been guided by a sort of spirituality that is similar to some Berdach gifts. Whether one calls it feelings, or signals from the Great Spirit, the right course of action has been communicated, and has greatly changed the course of a life. Others have expressed similar ideas to me when I have brought up the topic of religion, spirituality and how one knows what to do. A common answer has been that you have to feel your way through life, instead of jack-hammering a path through difficulties.

Will life bring one the right wife, girlfriend or significant other if one is tuned into whatever sources are out there? This is hard to say, for sure. There are so many drives and diversions, so much confusion. The same goes for crossdressing/acting and acceptance, or what happens if one is into a situation where things have solidified, where options seem closed.

While Berdaches are special people, highly attuned to the spiritual side of things, there is still some of that receptivity in the rest of us, and maybe more in the transgendered community. Getting in touch with that side of ourselves will enable us to share in a side of the Berdache tradition, and may help to heal the wounds and indecision that often come with transgender conditions.

Sincerely,

Lorrin B. (NY)



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Editor:

When I rediscovered crossdressing, I never thought of naming the feminine part of me because I felt that it was not necessary, I had already regarded my feminine part as one with my masculine part – besides, the thought of having a feminine name, at first, was kind of frightening! Last year I spent a lot of time doing inner reflecting on myself and some reflecting on my past, trying so hard to work out my feelings of guilt and shame about crossdressing.

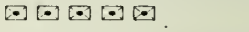
The more I thought about naming my feminine side, the more it made sense to do so, but I was not sure of what to call her. I wanted to name my feminine self something that fitted in with my own personal concepts concerning masculinity and femininity and how I felt that crossdressing tied in with those concepts. Although my name is Joseph, I didn't want to name myself Josephine because it was too close to my masculine name for comfort, so I gave myself the name Joan, which is still a nice name to me, but is not the name that fits my personal concept of who I am as a person. I discovered that only the name Josephine fits my personal concepts concernig masculinity and femininity and how those characterisitics made me the complete person I am -- that is, I feel that the name Josephine is symbolically the right choice to go with my name Joseph because I see myself as a man who has both feminine and masculine characteristics embodied in one physical body. I'm sorry that it took me so long to come to an obvious conclusion.

Another thing I discovered last year was that when I tried to come out of the closet to open up to only a few friends, I did not feel comfortable referring to myself as a transvestite, but felt more comfortable referring to myself as a crossdresser. I have read that the terms crossdresser and transvestite were basically the same, so in the beginning I didn't worry about what to refer to myself as. Now that I have the experience of opening up to others, I learned that it was very easy to do that by referring to myself as a crossdresser. I now fully understand why some crossdressers don't like the term transvestite, and I can appreciate that. Again, I'm sorry I couldn't work those small details out before I submitted my first ad, but it was (and still is) difficult for me to work out the deep-rooted guilt about accepting something our society has conditioned me to be ashamed of. Thanks to publications like TV/TS Tapestry, I am able to work through some of these feelings. As a result, I now feel more comfortable crossdressing around my wife and daughter, and they now feel just as comfortable around me as Josephine as they are around me as Joseph. In fact, my wife picked out a picture of me to send you for my personal ad.

I'd like to express my deep thanks to all the CD/TV/TS/TGs, etc., who shared their precious experiences with the readers of the TV/TS Tapestry.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. (CA)



OVER HERE

Dear Editor:

I am a new subscriber to your magazine, and think it's the best. I had no idea anything like this existed. I am a new immigrant from Germany and Mexico. For me, it is amazing the freedom you have in this country (that is one of the reasons I came here). The homophobia you have here is nothing like what it is in other countries. Take advantage of all your benefits. It is so much harder everywhere else.

Sincerely,

Ingrid H. (IL)

ANOTHER BEGINNING

Dear Editor:

About a year ago we got an issue of Tapestry. We were very pleased. It is beautiful and very honest. Many of our people here have read it and looked at the pictures of their sisters.

REBORN is a new group for TVs and TSs in Holland. We meet once a month. There may be a little something to eat or drink, we talk, there is a little shop where we can buy clothes and other things, all in the same apartment. Twice a week there is a smaller get-together where TV/TS

people can read the magazines we have, talk, look at the films in videotape . . .

We are all volunteers, six TV/TSs and two women, and very happy to do it. We get no government funding. We are strong enough to support ourselves.

We have started a small newsletter, although we do not yet have the right hardware for production. But, it is the only Dutch magazine, and our TV/TS people are happy and pleased. We have sent you a copy.

We wish our TV/TS friends all over the world a very good, healthy and free life, and that the woman in every man, and the man in every woman keep growing out until he/she is complete. No longer man, no longer woman, but only a human being, magnificent and pure!

Sincerely,

Immanuel (Holland)

OH, MY GOD, NOW WHAT?

Dear Editor:

We have all heard horror stories. There seem to be people in every support group who dwell in the negative, They are bound to tell you about all the awful things that have happened to others and could happen to you. This is especially true of encounters with law enforcement officers.

I will admit that an encounter with the police was a prticular nightmare for me. It is one of the fears that kept me in the closet for more than thirty years, and made me extremely nervous about driving to support group meetings while dressed as a woman.

Last year I joined a support group and after about six months overcame those fears. Then it happened. After attending a support group party in the Twin Cities, I headed down the freeway, bound for my motel. About three miles north of my exit, my car was struck in the rear by what felt like a runaway locomotive. Before I knew what had happened, my car had crossed the median and careened across two lanes of oncoming traffic.

I had every expectation that I was headed for the worst experience of my life. In two or three minutes another motorist came running across the highway to check on me. In four or five minutes more a Bloomington, Minnesota police detective arrived. He informed me that I had been hit by drunken driver whose pick up had been going at least 90 mph. He then asked for my driver's license, and I expected the worst. I fished my license out of my purse and said I had been "attending a meeting."

To my amazement, he made no snide comments. He simply suggested that I pick up anything I would want to take with me. He was a complete gentleman and helped me across the freeway the same as he would have assisted any woman. I was taken to an ambulance and checked over by two EMTs. They were equally polite. Fortunately, I had been wearing my seat belt, and had not even gotten a scratch.

From the ambulance, I was taken to a Minnesota Highway Patrol car. The Highway Patrolman was also a gentleman. He told me that the drunk had fled the scene of the accident on foot, but had left a pile of empty beer cans behind. After a little further investigation, he offered to drive me to my motel. I got back there about 3am. I should have been shaking from the experience I had just been through. After all, I had come very close to being killed. But, the only thing I could think about was the pleasure I had felt in being addressed as Ma'am, and treated like a lady for the first time in my life.

The next day I took a bus home. My worries were not over. For several days I was on pins and needles with fears that the accident report would note that I had been dressed as a woman. It didn't. Fortunately, there's no line on a police accident report form to record that the driver was crossdressed. This was important because my insurance claims man works in the same office, just a few doors down the hall.

My point is, give people a chance. They may surprise you. Behavior is also important. Even after I handed the officer my driver's license, I continued to behave like a lady.

In writing this letter, I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to Merissa and to everyone at IFGE. You helped me to find a support group and to refocus my life. I can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Linda J. (SD)

IT WORKED FOR ME

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading my second issue of Tapestry. I would like to share some of my experiences with you and the girls you serve so well.

I am very pleased to see an HONEST magazine devoted to real issues. The ripoffs begin their papers with pleas for understanding and follow with many pages of outrageous advertisements that would turn off any person that might be inclined to be understanding.

I am fifty years old, and have had a feminine persona since I was five. Since I have had the wonderful opportunity to express "her" over the last fifteen years, I have had many compliments from women on my masculinity! I have heard many times from women (I am completely hetero) that it takes a real man to express tender feelings. I accept these comments as an indication that I am a total personality and showing it.

I have heard many complaints about "Why don't women understand us?" I have told several "girls" that there is no reason that women will not understand them if they go about it right. If a person meets a woman whose company he enjoys (and I assume that she enjoys him or the relationship would go nowhere) it is important that the subject of crossdressing be brought up as early as possible, and especially in a non-threatening way. Over the last years, I have met three women who have accepted my feelings totally because I have taken the time to explain these feelings in a context of respect for them, as well as a part of my personality. In each case, my feelings have been accepted, and even become part of our playful relationship.

Sincerely,

Sherri Ann (IL)

THIS ONE IS MY STORY

Dear Editor:

I'm a beginner, but a beginner with forty-four years of experience. You know me. You've read my life history in each of the hundreds of letters from frustrated and exhilirated CDs who ever wrote to Tapestry.

As I approached the holiday season under great job stress and away from my family, I questioned what life is all about, and why, if I'm so happy, why aren't I, well, happy. On the top of my list was, Why do I have this need to wear women's clothing and makeup? Why do I want to feel feminine? Am I gay? If so, I'm not very good at it, because I don't have any attraction to men. I needed answers.

I've needed answers before. But every time I tried to find out, all I found was row after row of pornographic tabloids having nothing to do with what I am all about. I certainly was not alone in the world, since others were equally cursed with this need to crossdress, but they weren't like me, not the ones in the tabloids.

I broke the problem to my wife of twenty years one night shortly before Christmas by asking if I could experience the feel of her makeup. She said, "You're a crossdresser, aren't you?"

"I don't know," I replied, "am I?"

She proceeded to tell me more about crossdressing than I imagined she could know. She told me she understood my needs and desires. She was deeply troubled because she feared that discovery would embarrass the family and perhaps lead to our financial destruction. She feared that my problem could harm our marriage. But, I was welcome to try her makeup, and she told me not to feel embarrassed by my situation. She wanted me to get a handle on things, however, so her fears would not be realized.

She offered to buy me a makeup kit, and suggested that I not use it home to avoid discovery by our teen-aged daughter. Since I travel a lot on business, she suggested that a hotel room would be a safer place for me to explore my needs. She said she could not handle coming home and finding me in her bra and panties, and asked if I needed to dress as well as do makeup. When I said yes, she said she couldn't see me dressed. She would work with me to help resolve my feelings, she understood my need to be seen, but she felt she would try to accomodate me by occasionally seeing me in makeup.

"How do you know these things?" I asked. "Why, after forty-four years of wondering if I am the only human being with this problem, do I find that my sheltered companion knows more about things that I couldn't find through research in libraries and X-rated bookstores both?"

"Of course I know about crossdressing. They even have organizations for men who crossdress. I've seen it on Donahue, Sally and Oprah."

Two days later I left for New York, even more in love with my wonderful wife. When I got there I picked up a copy of The Village Voice to find a jazz concert, or other amusement. I found, instead, an ad for a crossdressers' boutique and another for a transformation salon. I changed my schedule to visit both. There I was introduced to Tapestry. I got a copy of My Husband Wears My Clothes by Peggy Rudd, and decided that should the decision ever be mine for naming someone to Sainthood, it would be Peggy.

My Husband Wears My Clothes and selected reading from several other publications helped save my life. I flew home to my wife with the book, Tapestry and some other publications. My wife and I devoured them. A possible life crisis had been averted.

Every letter by every crossdresser in Tapestry had elements of my life in it. My experience was so typical it must be classic. Yet, my life has changed drastically for the better. In the ten weeks that followed my initial crisis, my problem had become a blessing. Like a soul "born again," my love and respect for my wife, always strong, grew stronger, and my self-respect was restored. For the first time in my life, I felt that I was on the verge of really knowing myself.

I have acquired a wardrobe with the help of my advisor and teacher, my wife. I've shopped alone for myself in a safe environment, and I've had a makeover and transformation. I've come a long way, and while no candidate for Miss Universe, I'm rather respectable in a dress if I do say so myself. My life has taken on new priorities. With a deeper love for my wife and an ability and a willingness to express my feelings for her, our world has changed. We no longer have a "problem," only an exciting new life.

While we are still husband and wife, we are also best of friends, and at times, sisters. She has taken pride in my dress and deportment, and I've given her a few tips on her makeup and hair, too! We shop together (although I have enough sense not to go out en femme). We talk. (An amazing accomplishment that only took two decades to achieve!) I've lost 25 pounds, and have another 15 on the run. I've quit biting my fingernails. I haven't yelled at other drivers in rush-hour traffic in weeks! My daughter came to me with great concern to ask, "Dad, are you sure that you didn't just find out that you are going to die, or something? You're so different."

We have set limits that preserve our traditional marriage and recognize my need for expression of my feminine self. I respect my wife's needs and give her the macho guy she married soon after she allows me to be the girl I enjoy being. Life isn't perfect. CDs who think that it all should be at the expense of their SOs have no right to complain when their marriages fall apart.

Why is my life so full and rich, filled with hope and love, while other marriages have crashed and burned days after the problem first came to light? I was lucky, for sure. But, with a little planning, anyone wanting to reveal her CD need to her SO can create that luck by thinking things through and breaking the news in a manner which is sensitive to the SO's needs. How terrible it would have been had my wife walked in and caught me wearing her bra and panties! How terrible had she not seen Donahue!

Mostly, my life has changed for the good, thanks to IFGE, its people, and the many organizations like it around the country that have dedicated themselves to my happiness. Thank God that my wife saw Donahue and Sally and Oprah. Thank God that she knew there were organizations for the thousands like me, and that she didn't think that I was some perverted one-of-a-kind specimen in need of preventive institutionalization. Thank God that institutions have begun to educate the world.

We need to do more. (Note that I said "we.") I will do what I can to help make our existence known to everyone of us who may still be suffering alone in his/her closet. I must stay in the closet, but I have one foot out. I'm not sure what I can do under the circumstances, but even if it is only to write a check now and then, to fund a newspaper ad, or to take the time to counsel a Tri-Ess sister in need, I'll do it. God has given me a second chance in life for a reason. I'm going to find out what that reason is and do whatever I can to help those in need as I was helped. My goal is to help make the existence of support opportunities known to more people without the need for rather extensive research and, in my case, a lucky trip to New York.

I hope to drop by the IFGE office the next time I am in Boston so I can personally pay my respects to those who threw me a lifeline and hauled me aboard. I'm not sure how much longer I could have treaded water. You and my wonderful wife have saved my life and the lives of countless others. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly S. (FL)

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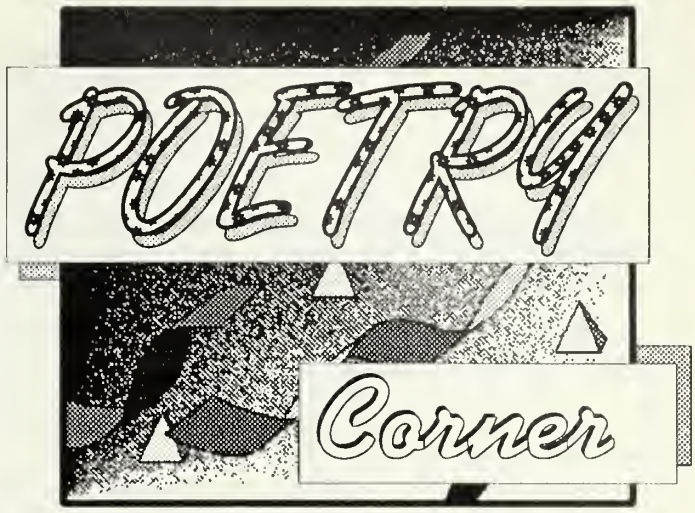


HER WITHIN

by Angela (David) Davis

Man, Woman, He, She,
All rolled up inside of me.
Born a boy, a girl inside,
No one must know, the girl I must hide.

She stays inside, she watches to see,
While he is outside, he is free.
"Play with boys, act like a man."
But she is frightened, doesn't know if she can.

Staying hidden, alone is best,
Lonely is safer than failing the test.
"What would happen, if I am found out,
that I'm a girl within and a boy without."

The boy in her rôle becomes a man,
A man of success, a man who can.
But she is inside, hurt with pain,
From her life never lived, her life never came.

B E A U T Y by Gwen Pete

The sun slowly goes down
as the woman slowly comes out.
She looks at herself in the mirror
and wishes what she sees were true.

Her lips so sensitive, full and red,
as her eyes say, I am a woman,
To love, to hold, who has love to give.

The mirror shows her body, her walk,
her style of beauty.
Only a few know who she really is,
and fewer still know her woman's love.

Her secret is not the clothes she wears.
Instead, it's what she feels inside:
All the needs of a woman.

She knows that as the sun comes up,
The image of the woman will be gone,
leaving only her sweet scent behind.

The mirror shows only the shell of a man,
where once was the image of a woman.
But the beauty of the woman
Still shines, and will never die.

PROS AND CONS
by Ginny

Now I'm sure every sister well knows
On fashion there's cons and there's pros,
But I think most agree
on where legs ought to be
Under skirts in their heels and their hose.

THE URGE
by Ginny

When those feelings of old re-emerged
She remembered the wardrobe she'd purged.
Her closet was desolate,
Her action was desperate,
She ran to the mall where she splurged.

NUTTY PUTTY
by Ginny

Wrap me in sturdy elastic.
Mold me like putty or plastic.
So what if it's nutty and drastic,
It makes my figure pretty fantastic.

The Essential Vision

by Rita

The hero within is not man or woman.
The hero within is a peaceful understanding of balance.
The hero within has burning Vision.
The hero recognizes him/herself in the eyes, smiles, and sneers
of everyone s/he meets.
The Vision is not Desire or Lust . . .
(though they may manifest and distract).
Recognition of the Vision flushes the face and warms the spine,
like the heat flash of orgasm.
Our lusty demons manifest close to the edge,
where the waves of our subconscience lap the shores of
our consciousness.
They emerge from beneath the surface like starfish washed ashore.
Like seeing through the reflecting surface
and recognizing our own weakness.
In the face of the unfathomable, blissful, blinding light,
we may stumble.
But like the tightrope stretched between light and dark,
At a point the mortal is granted Vision to
see the rainbow in all its glory,
with all its shades of color,
spanning the spectrum . . .
The Vision is filled with color.
The color of earth, sky, and sea . . .
family, friends, food, wine, music, design . . .
Dances of life emerge as kaleidoscopes of whirling reality.

The hero's Vision may put pen to paper,
or cause sounds of harmony and rhythm . . .
The Vision may make one dance all night.
To awaken to the Vision is to be resurrected.
Bright eyes watch white clouds in a blue sky.

Remember . . . All is One.
Light and Dark define one another . . .
Each will obscure the Vision of Mortals.
Only Angels and saints dare look at the light.
And even then, some go blind.
The blind sages who see not color but truth and wisdom.
Demons hide in darkness where we hide our fears
for them to feed on.
Expose your fears to the light and let them be burnt up.

The hero's Vision is personal and invisible to others,
No matter how they seek to understand.
So recognize your hero's Vision.
Do not expect anyone to understand.
Those who clain to may be angels,
or deceiving demons . . .
True Vision lends color to our sight.
Listen to intuition. See the Vision.
Taste life. Open your senses. Feel everything.

Fall Harvest: The Spirit of the Heartland

by Nancy Cole

By today's standards, Fall Harvest weekend put on By the Mid-America Gender Group Information Exchange, or MAGGIE, on October 31st through November 3rd, 1991 with seventy paid participants, was a small affair. After all, the Texas "T" Party had almost three hundred in February, 1991. Southern Comfort, less than four weeks before Fall Harvest 91, drew over one hundred-and-fifty, quite respectable for a first-time event. And Holiday En Femme, three weeks after Fall Harvest 91, was attended by two hundred-and-two. Given those numbers, and half a dozen other regional and national events that now crowd our community's calendar, why should Fall Harvest, with its small, but respectable showing, demand attention? Why should anyone outside of Mid-America bother with a regional event of this size?

Fall Harvest is important to us, all of us in what we refer to as the gender community, because of its spirit. For four days people from four states (Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska) and five separate support groups came together to give and to share of themselves. They gave their time and shared their knowledge and talents. The outward manifestation of this effort was a well organized and executed program that furnished the transgender community of Mid-America a forum of learning and education that addressed all aspects of our community while, at the same time, providing them with social events and entertainment that were both enjoyable and memorable. This achievement, the successful combining of education and fun, in itself would have been noteworthy. Other events have achieved this. What propels Fall Harvest to the forefront, and what makes this event significant, is, as Jennifer Richards of St. Louis Gender Foundation said, its spirit. For the combined efforts and dedication of the planners, workers, and participants produced more than a successful event, it create a spirit of love and caring, hope and joy, freedom and life that touched all those who were there. In short, the final product of Fall Harvest transcended the physical. The power of the spirit that radiated from those who planned and put on Fall Harvest was absorbed by all those who participated, giving them something that will guide them throughout the new year as they deal with their gender identity, themselves, and their world.

This did not simply happen. Nothing just happens. Fall Harvest, as it exists today, is more than an event, an isolated point in time. Instead, it is the physical manifestation of the spirit of the gender support groups, and their members, who are scattered about in Mid-America. For those of you who are interested or involved in regional associations, as well as for those of you who are planning or preparing regional or national events, I believe there is great value for all in knowing how Fall Harvest come about and what we here in Mid-America do to make this small but effective affair such a significant event for our community.

Originally, Fall Harvest was a loosely structured weekend outing for the Kansas City group, Crossdressers and Friends, or CAF. The timing of Fall Harvest was tied to the annual Moon Shadow Ball, a large costume dance, which has been a Kansas City social institution since 1979. Though the straight community is well represented, the events and sponsors, especially the Miss Moon Shadow competition, are oriented toward the gay and drag communities. This aspect gave members of the transgender community in Kansas City an opportunity to "dress to the nines," and come out once a year and party. Several years ago the members of CAF began getting together the night before the Moon Shadow Ball for a dinner party of their own at a local hotel. This was the beginning of Fall Harvest. CAF members provided their own entertainment and had a good time. On Sunday, CAF's membership would move to the hotel where the Moon Shadow Ball was being held to join in the fun. That we were accepted, or at least tolerated, and were provided an opportunity to be out and about, for many, was enough.

Who's the lucky girl? At the Harvest, pagentry is a must

For some, however, being allowed to participate in a costume ball that revolved around a drag show and competition for the prettiest drag queen in Kansas City was not enough. Those of us who had participated in events around the country such as Fantasia Fair and the Texas "T" Party, knew what could, and needed to be done to help our sisters and brothers. That we could do something was not in question; CAF was already doing something. The real question was how far to expand the original concept and create for ourselves a unique and meaningful event right here in Mid-America. While the Moon Shadow Ball was kept as part of our event, and therefore determined the timing of our event, it was now going to be only a part of Fall Harvest, not its purpose. In fact, as things have transpired, the Ball is only an adjunct today, attended by a minority of Fall Harvest's participants. It has become anti-climactic for those who do attend.

The concept that Fall Harvest became, and has remained, centered on providing an event for people who are involved in the transgender community here in Mid-America and who were unable to travel to more distant and more expensive events. From the beginning, Fall Harvest 90 was to be an event where people could come together to learn about themselves, transgender issues, and expand their personal horizons. To deal with the entire community as best we could, since we were new at this and had no idea how large a draw we would make, it was decided to use a multi-track program system similar to the one used by the IFGE Coming Together/Working Together convention. No one in CAF had any qualms about borrowing and using good ideas. After all, why reinvent the wheel?

We did not, however, borrow blindly. An innovation to the Fall Harvest program was that the program for the crossdresser was divided into two tracks. The first, which we named the New Girl on the Block, was for the crossdresser who had literally just come out of the closet. Emphasis here was on image, the external aspects of crossdressing: makeup, deportment, wigs, and such. The second crossdresser track, at first jokingly called the Old Hand, was set up for the crossdresser who already had a well-established style in dress and tastes, and could handle herself in most any situation. Today, we refer to such crossdressers as advanced crossdressers. The Old Hand track was mainly discussions and introspective workshops. With the help of therapist Neila Miller in 1990, the Old Hands had an opportunity to look at themselves and begin to work on developing a female persona to complement the image which they had already developed. Added to these tracks were the Transsexual track, and the Partners track, giving Fall Harvest as comprehensive a program as any national or regional event.

While we were working on the educational programs, we realized that all work and no play would make Jackie a dull transgenderist, so social and entertainment activities were merged with the educational programs. Traditional events, such as a fashion show and amateur talent show on Friday night, followed by a beauty pageant on Saturday night, were added. These not only provided social outings and entertainment for all participants, they gave those who were part of these programs an opportunity to exercise the female image and persona that they were working on during the day. For it is one thing to learn and discuss something in a workshop, quite another to use that knowledge in a dynamic, real world situation. While most of our activities were confined to participants within the hotel, those social and enter-

tainment events provided an opportunity to interact as females and use our female personas, in some cases for the first time.

Fall Harvest 90 was a CAF hosted and sponsored event. It was an outgrowth of the CAF tradition of participating in the Moon Shadow Ball. In our first year, we had 75 paid participants hailing from across the country. One aspect of Fall Harvest, the regional aspect, was not neglected. In May of 1990, while plans for Fall Harvest were still in pencil, MAGGIE was born. A letter dated June 12th, invited the leaders of St. Louis Gender Foundation, Iowa Artistry, Omaha River City Gender Alliance, and the Wichita Gender Alliance to meet after Fall Harvest 90 to discuss the possibility of creating an association to coordinate the activities of the groups involved, exchanging information, talents, and programs among the groups, creating a collective voice for Mid-America support groups, and a sponsor for a regional event.

The idea of a formal association, however, was an entirely different matter. Each group, while happy to help the others, was cautious of its independence and prerogatives. The idea of creating a blanket organization that could limit or infringe on the local support group's programs or activities was not a popular one. A letter writing campaign during the summer of 1990 planted and cultivated the seed of what was being called, at that time, MAGGIE, short for Mid-America Gender Group Information Exchange. The first MAGGIE meeting was scheduled on November 4, 1990, the last day of Fall Harvest 90.

This timing was intentional, for one of the important functions of MAGGIE was going to be the sponsoring of a regional event. It was felt that if CAF could demonstrate that a regional event was not only possible, but critical to the growth of the transgender community in Mid-America, then the idea of MAGGIE and cooperative action could be sold to all support groups in Mid-America. In effect, CAF was doing some reverse engineering: an event was created, and the structure that would make it a regional event was already a reality. The story of the first MAGGIE event was recorded in an IFGE Update in December, 1990. What is important is that the leaders of the support groups in Mid-America made a leap of faith. Each willingly joined into an association that would make Fall Harvest 91 happen.

'The local girls turning tricks' Vannah (center)

And it was there, in that meeting on November 4, 1990, that the spirit and camaraderie of Fall Harvest, and of the Mid-America transgender community was born.

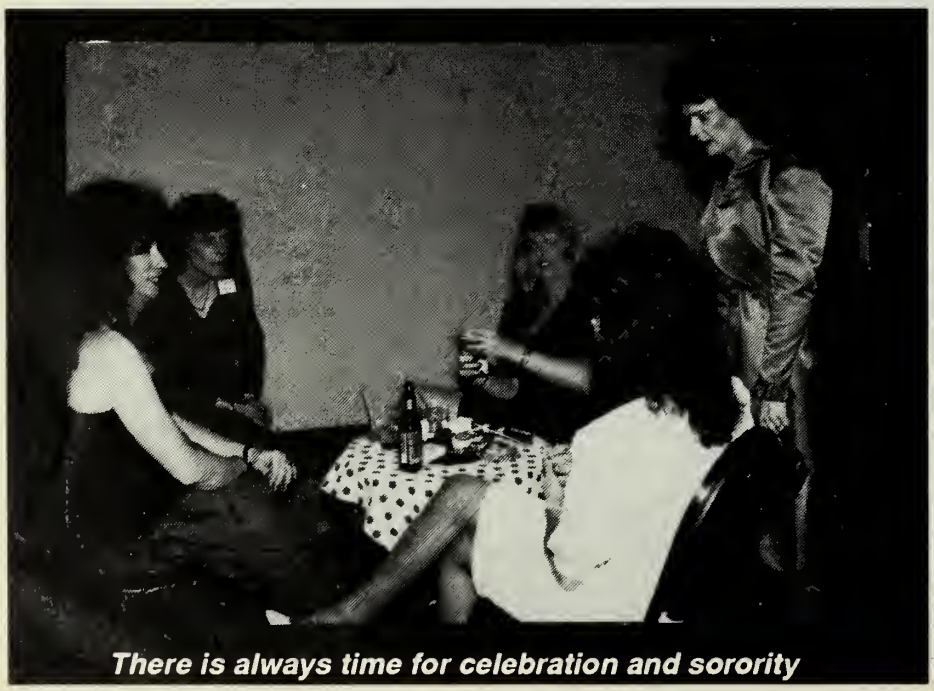
Building upon the success of the Fall Harvest 90, the leaders and members of the MAGGIE organizations went about planning and preparing for Fall Harvest 91. Held in Kansas City, CAF was responsible for many aspects of preparing for the event. Here, however, is where the similarity between Fall Harvest and other regional events stops. Be All, perhaps the oldest regional event, rotates responsibility between four cities. The hosting city assumes almost all responsibilities for the planning, preparation, and execution of a Be All convention. MAGGIE does it differently. As I have said, CAF, by virtue of being Kansas City-based, had to do much on-site coordination. The four educational tracks, decorations, entertainment, and other necessary programs were divided between the various organizations. Anna Appleby and Beverly of Iowa were responsible for Track I, the New Girl, as well as the fashion show. Elaine Bauer and Renee Edgerton of CAF had Track II, the Old Hand. Rena Geise from Omaha had Track III, the Transsexual program. Viki Goodman (CAF) and Lynata Waters (SLGF) did Track IV for the Partners. Rose from SLGF and Jennifer Richards ably assisted by Jeff and backed up by the entire SLGF organization, assumed the herculean task of decoration and production for the entire weekend. If you were not there, you cannot appreciate their efforts. Every night, the images they created were breathtaking. Working for a collective goal, the spirit of cooperation grew as individuals across the four-state region represented by MAGGIE, under the direction of the MAGGIE support group representatives and Stephanie Campbell of CAF made Fall Harvest 91 a reality.

In addition to the division of labor, pooling of ideas both before and during Fall Harvest 91 helped to make this year's event not only a success, but a well-orchestrated triumph. The cooperative effort was apparent everywhere and in everything that went on. For example, a significant touch to the weekend was the rotation of who hosted the

head table. Each MAGGIE group had its turn to seat its leadership and special guests at the head table at the daily luncheons. On Thursday, Kansas City CAF leadership had the head table. Friday it belonged to the St. Louis Gender Foundation, and on Saturday it was shared by Omaha and Wichita. It was during the luncheon speech by Jennifer Richards on Friday that the term 'Spirit of Mid-America' was first used. When Jennifer spoke of her feelings, and of that spirit, I began to look around and think about what she had said. For the rest of the weekend, that idea, the idea that Fall Harvest was more than an event, that it was a spirit, took hold.

The Fall Harvest is not all fun & games. Sister Mary Elizabeth gives the group spiritual guidance

As I thought about that, I pondered what made Fall Harvest so different from many of the other events that I had traveled to and participated in. While naturally prejudiced by my own association with both Fall Harvest 90 and 91, I can honestly say that we have here in Mid-America an event that reflects what our community is all about. Fall Harvest is about people, people learning not only to cope with who they are and the world they live in, but learning how to thrive. It is about organizations that are willing to join together, keeping their identity while working arm-in-arm with their sisters and brothers for the good of all. Fall Harvest is a celebration of life, and a time to share the spirit of life with others. Fall Harvest is hope, a shaft of light that, for many of our sisters and brothers in Mid-America has lifted the crushing darkness that has, for so long, been our burden and our handicap. Through the spirit that the cooperative efforts of MAGGIE have kindled, and that Fall Harvest has spread, the gender community in Mid-America will never again be the victim of ignorance or the darkness of the closet.



There is always time for celebration and sorority

For those of you in our community who find yourselves in positions of leadership or participating in planning or preparing for a regional event, I invite you to look at Fall Harvest and MAGGIE. I urge you to open your eyes and your heart. Look at what we are about and why you are doing what you are doing. Rather than considering yourselves builders or directors, masters of all you see, consider yourselves as mothers, kind, gentle spirits who are responsible for nurturing and guiding the children of your local and regional support groups. Do not get hung up on numbers, for it is becoming tiring to me to hear sponsors of events going about bragging to each other, "My event is bigger than yours!" Instead, concentrate on what really matters: the spirit. Use your heart to guide you, and look to the spirit. As a woman searches to find her voice, each region and each event should do the same. We here in Mid-America, too long isolated, have found our voice, our spirit. And we invite you, all of our brothers and sisters, to come to the Heartland and share in that spirit.

Wives & the Family-Oriented System

by Cynthia Phillips & Linda Peacock

Tri-Ess is a well established organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their families. Its average member is middle aged, upper middle class, and married! While this might come as a shock to middle America, there are a great many men in this category who crossdress. Because of society and the American standard of what constitutes male and female gender, these men keep their crossdressing activities totally underground. Most of them desire the same thing any other man in their situation would want: a home, a family, a career. Because society disapproves of crossgendered behavior in males, these men suffer from enormous guilt. When they are young, they rarely tell anyone about their crossgender desires and behavior.

While a great deal of these men are married, because of this guilt factor, few of their wives knew anything about this behavior before the women made a long-term commitment to the relationship. Since most crossgendered males are extremely loyal to their mates, they desire more closeness with their mates than the average male does. Because of this, sooner or later they feel they must tell their wives about their crossdressing. This happens in all sorts of ways: "accidental" discoveries, tearful confessions, and confused outright admissions. The guilt the men have carried for large portions of their lives often makes these poor presentations. If the crossdresser in these situations is a member of Tri-Ess, he can seek help both from his home group and from the parent organization. Tri-Ess groups have useful objective information he can give his wife. He will not have to go through this period alone, or ill-informed.

Women in our culture are not educated about the possibility of a person being one physical sex but having the gender of the other. The discovery that this is the case with their boyfriend or husband comes as an enormous shock. Many women fear the breakup of their relationship. The fact that her mate loves her and needs her during this period is not comprehensible to her. Her first, and sometimes only thought is that he must be gay. It often takes a third party to explain to her that this is not the case. Often, with the right information, many women come to a basic understanding of their mate's needs and desires. The problems in the relationship usually stem from the deception and secrecy the male has practiced for some time. The woman feels cheated and betrayed for having been left out of her husband's life. While the crossdresser's reasons for keeping the secret from her grew out of the purest of motives, she will have a hard time believing and accepting this. Most wives and partners do not have a support group, even when their spouse does. They need communication, from their crossdressing partners, from other wives and partners, and from some source of facts. There is no sense of positivism until that support system is there for them.

Tri-Ess realized several years ago that the only way to serve the needs of these people was to incorporate wives and partners of crossdressers into all the organization's activities. Since that time, wives and partners have played a large part in the growth of Tri-Ess. However, it is important that this support group not just be a social group, meeting for fellowship, good gossip, and recipe trading. The needs of the wives and partners are complex and vitally important. Each such group must go deeper and get to the heart of the problems, working as a group with each wife/partner to deal with her fears, anger, and frustrations. We cannot leave such emotions untouched, only looking at and dealing with surface issues. Without this kind of support, a wife or partner feels abandoned, totally alone with her thoughts and fears.

Tri-Ess is evolving into a non-sexist, family-oriented public organization rather than a male-centered, "secret" one. Keeping its membership exclusively heterosexual simplifies the struggle for the wives and partners. The wife or partner understands the limits around her spouse's behavior, and can use other wives and partners who have worked through many of the same problems. These others can be available through a support group, or through the phone, and by mail. If distance keeps a partner from joining a support group, there needs to be a way for her to receive this support. Perhaps Tri-Ess should set up a hotline and provide its number through its publications, and through such outside organizations like IFGE. With the appearance of more and more crossdressers and their mates on television, the name Tri-Ess is becoming known in society as the organization for heterosexual male crossdressers. Similarly, the public is beginning to learn that just because a man dresses as a woman, he is not necessarily gay. In fact, the opposite may well be the case. He may dress as a female because he is a ladies' man in more ways than one. *(continued on page 35)*

Why Family Orientation Works

by Jane Ellen & Frances Fairfax

Everywhere in the bigendered community we read about Tri-Ess and its family-oriented approach. What do we mean by "family-oriented"? Are single crossdressers included in the vision? What part do children play? Must every function be sufficiently antiseptic to permit a G-rating? Perhaps an explanation of the family-oriented approach will answer these questions.

Long ago Tri-Ess realized that it could not be everything to everyone in the bigendered community. People crossdress for various reasons, some of which are completely contradictory. Groups formed as an omnium-gatherum are frequently born in strife and matured in schism. For this reason, Tri-Ess chose to aim its support at heterosexual male and female crossdressers, their spouses, partners, and families. Although female to male crossdressers may feel outnumbered when they first come to a Tri-Ess meeting, our hope is to build their ranks to the point where they will feel an integral and effective as well as a substantial fraction of the association. While there are differences in lifestyles and opinions among this heterogeneous group, these crossdressers, male and female, are united in their commitment to self-acceptance, bigender self-expression, and family values, regardless of their marital status. This stable, conservative approach has won increasing respect within the bigendered community, and sells well with the general public.

At the heart of the family-oriented approach is the abiding belief that the needs of crossdressers are not one whit more important than the needs of their wives and of their life partners. A Tri-Ess wife need not be "along for the ride," as part of an auxiliary; she has the right to be a full participating member of Tri-Ess. To limit the participation of wives, some have argued that wives don't know what it is like to be a crossdresser, and to feel the guilt and isolation. So many wives feel exactly that! However, crossdressers frequently do not understand what it means to have their world turned topsy-turvy by unexpected revelations of a poorly-understood attribute, and to fear the loss of their life partners to homosexuality or to sex reassignment surgery. Tri-Ess respects absolutely the right of the crossdresser and his/her family to work out these relationships in a comfortable, familiar atmosphere with ordinary people just like themselves. The happiest crossdressers and the happiest crossdressers' wives are those most supportive of each other. The non-threatening atmosphere in Tri-Ess makes it easier to open the door to happiness and fulfillment.

To help develop this comfortable atmosphere, Tri-Ess encourages its members to work at developing the crossgender side of their personalities. Our members crossdress with deep respect for the values of the opposite gender. Ours is not to mock, but to emulate, to learn, and to share. The modern woman no longer follows outdated social stereotypes. She feels free to be assertive, to develop her brain and her brawn, to dress according to her feelings, to be what she wants to be. She has taken traits and activities previously confined to males, refined them, and incorporated them into the woman she is. Tri-Ess members have discovered a similar core of valuable traits and activities worth incorporating into themselves. If we can learn sensitivity and communication, and stress nurturing relationships ahead of developing power, all humankind will benefit. We do not wish to steal femininity from our wives, but to learn it, share it, and, with our wives' help, incorporate it to become better people.

It is not enough, however, merely to develop our feminine side. Since most of us have much more experience living as males in a masculine world, it is understandable that we spend much time and effort working on the less well developed side of ourselves. A healthy organism, however, grows in many directions. Our wives need us as men, a basic fact we cannot ignore. And not just sexually. They need our masculine tenderness, the gallantries, the masculine image - the little things that mean a lot. As the old song says:

> Give me your hand when I've lost the way
> Give me your shoulder to cry on.
> Whether the day be bright or gray
> Give me your heart to rely on.

In this heartbreaking epidemic of secondary transsexualism and its cruel selfishness, we would all do well to remember the words of this song.

It is not merely our wives who need us as men, so do our children. They need a strong father image to cement their own identities. Children have their own issues regarding crossdressing. Each family has its own resolution for these issues. (continued on page 36)

(continued from page 33) Wives and partners become members of the various local Tri-Ess groups. They serve in a number of capacities: board members, newsletter editors, officers, etc. The input of the genetic women is invaluable to the groups. They give the male crossdresser a glimpse into the world of "real" women, a view that in the past was often clouded with fantasy. They help these males understand the many differences between the sexes, and that while a male may appear as a woman, and sometimes think as one, he will always be a male. This helps many males who might be harboring thoughts of a sex change and lack the right input to help them make the correct decision.

Women also play an important role in the Tri-Ess conventions. There are seminars strictly for wives and partners, conducted by women involved with crossdressers. There are outings during these conventions designed to introduce the crossdressers' mates to the experience of being out in public with their crossdressed spouses. These conventions take the fear and sense of unreality out of the situations the wives or partners find themselves in so often. Since the wife is associating with her peers, she feels their presence, and feels she is in a socially accepting and acceptable situation.

There us the cost factor of attending such conventions to be considered. We believe that if a wife/partner truly wants to go, but cannot for monetary reasons, which can be verified, a scholarship fund should be set up at least for Holiday En Femme, to pay the registration fee. Such scholarships must be limited to a few verifiably needy candidates. This experience can be a godsend to a wife who is as buried in the closet as her husband was in the past.

Tri-Ess has a wives and partners newsletter published quarterly, and especially written for the distaff side of the relationship. All the wives and partners that are active in Tri-Ess get this newsletter. We feel that this newsletter should go out to all members of Tri-Ess, perhaps through the Femme Mirror. The wives and partners newsletter has articles in it by experienced wives as well as by those who have just learned of their situation. The concerns and problems of wives and partners are discussed here from a variety of points of view. It has letters in it from all over the country. These women discover again that they are not alone, that others share their feelings and apprehensions. We should also have some column or section in the Femme Mirror so that the wife or partner who has just learned of her spouses crossdressing can quickly become aware of the resources that are available, so she can start in right away to get the help she needs.

There is a song which expresses some of our thoughts. In part, it says, "When it comes to love, you don't count the cost. It doesn't really matter what is gained or what is lost, when it comes to love, you don't count the cost." If these couples have the love, then we need to help in anyway, no matter the cost, sacrifice, and time to help them reach out to each other and learn to accept the persons living deep inside themselves, and to love those persons.

The future for women in Tri-Ess is limitless. As society begins to realize there is more to gender than just male and female, and as women learn about the need their mates have for crossdressing and begin to accept it, they will find the unusual qualities of a crossgendered male invaluable in establishing a common goal-oriented relationship. Some experts in relationships between the genders refer to the crossdresser as a "bridge" between the male and the female. Within the framework of Tri-Ess, and with the help of the women involved with Tri-Ess, we hope that bridge can be explored and used to everyone's benefit. A mutually satisfying and long, happy relationship can be the result of the crossdresser and his partner including Tri-Ess in their lives, communicating with themselves and others towards an understanding of how these unusual situations can be positive and uplifting.

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(continued from page 34) Some parents share the crossdressing with their children and make it a part of family life. Others prefer that the children not know about it. It is not for us to judge which approach is best, but to provide an atmosphere conducive to sharing, learning, and working out relationships. Tri-Ess members, therefore, are either comfortable with children present at meetings, or are committed to working at becoming comfortable with them there.

Does this mean that chapter programs need to be reminiscent of something from Walt Disney? By no means! Of course, X-rated behavior is inappropriate at Tri-Ess meetings. Perhaps the easiest way to establish the standard is to think of Tri-Ess meetings as social and educational meetings of men and women from Middle America. The men happen to be wearing dresses. Certainly some program material will be mature. Usually the meeting will provide activities for the children. Parental guidance is required, just as it is in most other places.

Working from the family-oriented approach, Tri-Ess leaders have devised dynamic programs unique in the bigendered community. To develop the whole person, Susan Blume of Tau Chi Chapter originated the Boys R Us Program. Every month members enjoy an activity as guys. Sometimes wives and children are invited; other events are "boys only." Events so far have included a boys' night bowling, a couples' dining out, and a Super Bowl party. On deck is a major league baseball game and, perhaps, a poker night. The benefits of this program are manifold. Wives can meet crossdressers in their roles as men (a most reassuring introduction to the group!), and single crossdressers can really feel a part of the group activities. Sharing experiences as men reinforces bonds of friendship and encourages a balanced perspective. So enthusiastically has the Boys R Us program been received that Tri-Ess is strongly encouraging its adoption in chapters nationwide.

Another exciting program is Heterosexual Crossdressers Anonymous (HCDA). Originated by Brenda Thomas, HCDA is a twelve-step program toward self-acceptance. Manner of dress is optional, so that novice crossdressers can meet others like themselves and discuss their needs without the pressure of having to appear crossdressed before a group of strangers. Closeted crossdressers seek help in communicating with their wives. Wives come for understanding of their husbands. Veteran members, single and married, attend simply to share feelings. How refreshing is the serenity these meetings bring! The pilot program is, nevertheless, experiencing one problem. It is threatening to outgrow its facility!

Where is Tri-Ess going? Its leadership will continue to explore the family-oriented concept for new programs and methods of outreach. An upcoming priority is research on methods to fill the needs of single crossdressers. The Friends of Tri-Ess membership will be further defined and its ramifications explored. Tri-Ess will become increasingly involved in discouraging inappropriate sexual reassignment, and in upgrading the plane of research on crossdressing. A top priority is the development of new chapters; six have taken root in the past year. Fired with the vision, the chapters will take on national and local projects. Over the past year several chapters have achieved favorable coverage in the local media; a national media drive is in the works. Cooperative projects between chapters will generate not only a Speakers' Bureau, but also other shared programs. Bonded together by common goals, the chapters will raise Tri-Ess to new heights.

Tri-Ess has been successful because it has adhered consistently to the Family-Oriented Approach. This principle, however, does not justify snobbery or rejection of other bigendered people. Tri-Ess has ratified the Gender Bill of Rights, which confirms the right of every person to select a gender identity and a sexual orientation, and to develop and express both so long as he/she does not infringe upon the rights of others. Tri-Ess will, therefore, try to support as many as possible, so long as it can do so without interfering with its primary principle - the support and education of heterosexual crossdressers and families.

A dear friend, Dr. Peggy Rudd, likes to associate the word "crossdresser" with the word "dignity." So many crossdressers and families still cannot stand on their feet without hanging their heads. For this reason outreach is very important to the family-oriented principle. Through literature, media, and research, Tri-Ess is committed to reach those people, educate them, and help them stand together with their heads held high. Self-acceptance is the cornerstone on which to build enduring relationships. That is what Tri-Ess is all about.

Frances (left) and Jane Ellen (right) Fairfax

The BIG Sister program of Tri Ess

by Shirley Kay & Patricia Kennedy

INTRODUCTION

The Big Sister Program was conceived with the intent of providing a method to help the new members if Tri-Ess integrate into our organization. This is done by pairing a more experienced crossdresser (the Big sister) with the new member (the Little Sister). The Big sister acts as a mentor, providing the benefit of experience and understanding required to nurture a Little Sister. Since each situation is unique, and each Little Sister has her own needs, there are no classic answers, simply guidelines. Each Big Sister must have an experience-base to draw upon to be successful.

HISTORY

The Big Sister Program was conceived in the fall of 1990 and implemented that winter. Jane Ellen Fairfax and Mary Frances Fairfax spent many long hours, Jane with an atlas and Mary with the MacIntosh, creating the foundation of the program. Jane created a set of guidelines, initial contact letters, and a method for assigning Little Sisters to Big Sisters. Mary typed, addressed, and stuffed envelops. The first set of letters hit the street in mid-December, and the program was under way.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

BIG SISTERS

Where do Big Sisters come from, and how do you find them? Jane Ellen ran a series of articles describing the program in the Femme Mirror and asked for volunteers. She enticed about thirty ladies into becoming the first Big Sisters. Once the program got rolling, between word of mouth, a quarterly article in the Femme Mirror, and a little arm-twisting at the chapter level, there are now over eighty Big Sisters on the roster.

Big Sisters are a rare breed. They combine their experience with compassion and the ability to teach, the essential attributes of a sorority. Imagine how difficult it is to sit down and write a letter to someone you don't know, to offer the hand of friendship without any idea of the issues you need to address. The Big sisters do this on a regular basis and are usually successful. They have captured the essence of unconditional understanding, and learned how to share it.

Finding Big Sisters is best done on a chapter basis. Each chapter will typically have one or two gals who are well suited for the Big Sister role. The job is to get to these ladies and impress them with the importance of the program. This is accomplished through newsletters and word of mouth. An added advantage is that Big and Little Sisters are paired in the same geographical area so the two stand a good chance of meeting face-to-face. Thus the Big Sisters become the chapter's Welcome Wagon, doing the follow up on new or potential members.

LITTLE SISTERS

Little Sisters are a lot easier to find. All new members of Tri-Ess are immediately enrolled in the Big Sister Program. We assign a Big Sister to each new member based on the location of the

Little Sister. We try to keep them within fifty miles of each other. Failing this, we try to keep them in the same state. There are cases where we couldn't get them in the same state, but no Little Sister goes without the opportunity of having a Big Sister.

As an interesting side note, we have certain Big Sisters who never seem to have enough Little Sisters. We try to limit each Big Sister to three Little Sisters, but in certain cases we will abandon this limit. Maureen, in Iowa, hates to go to the mail box and find it empty, so she has a dozen Little Sisters. This works out very well because she is an absolutely wonderful Big Sister. Other Big Sisters will often write or call and say that they would like more Little Sisters. When the opportunity arises, we try to accommodate them.

As Big Sisters are a rare breed, Little Sisters are an interesting breed. Little Sisters come in all levels of experience. Some are just peeking out of the closet and are very timid, while others have been out for many years. Most are happy to find a new friend, but some aren't sure how to react. The situation is somewhat hit or miss. To a great extent it depends on the comfort level of the Little Sister.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

New members are Little Sisters for one year. During that year the Big Sister is asked to contact the Little Sister once during the first sixty days. If there is no reply, a second attempt is made. If there is no reply after two attempts, then it is assumed that the Little Sister is not interested. We also ask that the Big Sister file a six-month report with the Big Sister Program office.

The Big Sister Program administrators are also involved in the process. On the fourth, eighth, and twelfth month, the Big Sister Program contacts the Little Sisters directly. The purpose of the fourth and eighth month communications is to check on the Little Sister's status. How are things going? Is your Big Sister helpful? Is there anything we can do for you? This gives the Little Sister a direct line to the Board of Directors of Tri-Ess.

On the one-year anniversary, the Big Sister Program contacts the Little Sister with a questionnaire. The intent is to determine if the Little Sister is satisfied with her involvement in Tri-Ess. Does she intend to renew her membership, why, or why not? Was she content with the help from her Big Sister? Has Tri-Ess delivered what it promised? Do you have any suggestions that might increase the effectiveness of the Big Sister Program? Lastly, would you like to become a Big Sister?

The answers to these questions serve many purposes. Two questions are aimed at trying to understand the causes of the drop out rate in Tri-Ess. Why do girls fail to renew their membership after one year in the organization? One question is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Big Sister. Was she responsive to your needs? The other two questions are feedback on the program itself. How can we make the program better? Can we add you to the roster of Big Sisters? The message is that everyone has input to the success of Tri-Ess and the Big Sister Program.

While the institution of the questionnaire is relatively new, we have received a thirty-five to forty percent response rate. Most of the replies have been very positive, yet some have taught us a few things. The largest reason for failure to renew membership after the first year is financial. We find this hard to understand because Tri-Ess has a standing policy of waiving the yearly national dues if there is a financial hardship.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

One key to success of any program is organization. Haphazard filing and an undefined approach is the hobgoblin of efficiency. A crucial aspect of the Big Sister Program is assigning the Little Sisters to the Big Sisters. We have attempted to ease this problem by creating a data base of Big Sisters, complete with addresses (all completely confidential), sorted by state. Sorting by state allows us to move quickly to the state of

Co-Coordinator Patricia Kennedy

the Little Sister and locate a potential Big Sister. We get the name, state, and town of the Little Sister from the National Membership Director bi-monthly. Using this data base, locating a potential Big Sister for a new member becomes a trivial problem. The data base also includes the name of the Little Sisters assigned to each Big Sister, so we do not accidentally overload an unsuspecting Big Sister.

Once the assignments are made, the letters to both the Big and Little Sisters are generated and mailed. At the end of each month, we also generate the monthly and yearly anniversary letters. While the cost of mailing and envelops is not substantial, the effort required to keep to this schedule is sometimes taxing. The two of us usually dedicate a weekend a month to the job.

SO WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE BIG AND LITTLE SISTERS?

The nature of the relationship between the two sisters is unique. Each Little Sister has her own concerns. Each Big Sister has her own experiences. Sometimes it develops into a lifetime friendship, sometimes it falls flat, and sometimes it works as intended, a relationship develops that serves the needs of the Little Sister: she feels welcome, and has a Big Sister with whom she can share her ideas and fears. The Big Sister must be ready to answer questions from Which wig looks best? to How do I get

Virginia Prince's address so I can write her? Aye, it's an interesting business!

The Big Sisters are not totally on their own. Jane Ellen has generated a set of basic guidelines for interaction. All the Big Sisters are encouraged to reflect positive comments to the Little Sisters, and to answer their questions to the best of their ability. All the Big sisters have the phone number of the Big Sister Program Office should they decide they need an outside opinion on a situation. We are still learning and doing the best with what we have.

We have yet to develop an answer to all the questions surrounding the dynamics of the relationship between the Big And Little Sister. In time, as we gain experience, we will be able to refine the process. If anyone has some insights, please feel free to write us at the address below.

WHERE IS THE PROGRAM GOING?

After a year-and-a-half, the Big Sister Program is operating smoothly. We have managed to get our arms around the assigning of Sisters and the generation of announcement letters. With the addition of the feedback generated from the anniversary letters, we are gaining some insight into the causes of attrition in our organization. But, there is more work to be done.

We are entertaining the idea of creating a Big Sister Program newsletter. This will probably be a quarterly publication available to all those involved in the Big Sister Program. The newsletter will likely be a vehicle for the periodic republication of articles that have appeared over the years which may be of particular interest to Little Sisters. Also, we would like to include articles (probably new) that deal particularly with the nature of the Big Sister/Little Sister interaction. Possibly to include some wonderful stories about our first meeting.

Co-Coordinator Shirley Kay

We also would like to find a way to honor those Big Sisters who have dedicated their time and efforts to helping our new members. Keep your ears to the ground and your eyes on the Femme Mirror for future developments.

HOW DO YOU START A BIG SISTER PROGRAM?

Depending on the size of your group, and the geographic area covered, the complexity of the program may vary. A Big Sister Program can be implemented on just about any scale. A group of twenty might need one or two Big Sisters. In Tri-Ess, we have around eighty-three Big Sisters right now. Given that our total membership is about 1100, that translates into about an eight percent participation. If we limit our assignments to three Little Sisters to any one Big Sister, we accommodate an annual growth of twenty-four percent. We wish Tri-Ess would experience such a growth rate!

Find your Big Sisters. You will have an intuitive feeling for who will be a good Big Sister. Once they are identified, enlist their help in starting your program. Create a method for assigning Little Sisters, keeping in mind that any criteria you select will require flexibility. If you have a small group in a local area, you may choose common interests as a basis for pairing. The real key to success is organization. Find someone to establish an organized approach to running the program so the system will not let new members fall between the cracks.

SOME TRAPS

1) Don't overload a Big Sister. Remember, it is a volunteer organization. Don't abuse the volunteers.

2) Beware of personal conflicts. They will only serve to undermine the relationship between the Sisters, and eventually undermine the group as a whole. The correct response to this problem seems to be a quick reassignment.

3) Poor record keeping. This relates directly to organization. Keep good records and follow-up.

If you are serious about starting a program, feel free to contact us for some insight, but don't be afraid to try things we haven't tried. Experiment with the program cautiously, but try new ideas. It is somewhat like spaghetti: there is a basic recipe, but thousands of variations.

CONCLUSIONS

We are very pleased with the success of the Big Sister Program in Tri-Ess. The responses we have received from our new members indicate they are appreciative. The Big Sister Program of Tri-Ess has helped all our members integrate into the organization and feel a part of the family. For further information concerning the Big Sister Program of Tri-Ess, please contact us at the address below.

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The Development of Tri-Ess

by Carol Beecroft

The Society for the Second Self, or Tri-Ess, is perhaps the oldest crossdressing group in the world. It began in 1976 when two already existing groups, Freedom of Personality Expression, or FPE, and the Mamselle Sorority merged.

FPE was founded in the sixties by Virginia Prince. It was the first effort by anyone to gather the heterosexual crossdressers of Canada and the US under one roof. The purpose was to help crossdressers in three ways: emotionally, socially, and educationally.

The Mamselle Sorority was founded in 1971 by Carol Beecroft. She had originally joined the Alpha chapter of FPE in 1969, and soon became its president. Meetings of leaders were frequent and concentrated on future activities for the members. Chapter attendance increased, and members let Carol know that they thought the chapter was "going places."

Unfortunately, some of the members who had served Alpha long and well misunderstood Carol's motives. She wanted to have an extra "gathering" each month, but this was opposed. Rather than have a fight, Carol simply left Alpha chapter and FPE, taking many members with her, and started a new group, soon called the Mamselle Sorority. The one difference between the Mamselle Sorority and the FPE was that while FPE was only open to heterosexual crossdressers, the Mamselle Sorority was open to crossdressers of all kinds: transsexuals, bi-sexuals, and gays.

Almost from the start, Carol set out to open additional chapters in Southern California. Chapters began in Buena Park, Mission Hills, and Los Angeles. There were a hundred members in 1975. There were monthly meetings. Members often visited several different chapters within the same month, confirming Carol's view that one meeting a month was not enough.

In 1973 an Executive Board was formed from all the all the chapter presidents and a few select members. This group did much of the planning over the next three years. This Board was instrumental in acting on Carol's belief that Mamselle members should get out into the public. Mamselle members were encouraged to stop in for the female impersonation show at the Redwood Room after the regular chapter meeting. Sometimes a third of the customer count were Mamselle members. One of the outstanding successes was a combined fashion show and dress up dinner at the Olympia Hotel in Los Angeles in 1973. Several women who sold clothes through parties put together the fashion show. Younger Mamselle members were the models. Fifty-two crossdressers and a few wives attended to make this one of the largest functions for crossdressers at that time.

A support group for wives was started in 1974. This group met on a Sunday afternoon, and the crossdressing husbands were expected to come as their male selves. The idea behind it was that the wives could support each other in their unique but common experience, and the husbands could work on establishing friendships between each other as men, rather than as crossdressers. Unfortunately, the time was badly picked, and the group ran out of steam before a better time was chosen. The idea would take off years later in Tri-Ess.

In order to keep up the flow of new members, Carol started an advertising campaign. A few new members came from ads placed in the L.A. Free Press, an underground weekly paper. Surprisingly, Psychology Today accepted the group's advertising. Few of the 150 people who replied became members. Things were much less open in those days. People were extremely concerned about being found out. It was still possible to be put in jail for crossdressing. Most

Developmental History of Tri-Ess

by Virginia Prince

The Society for the Second Self is the outgrowth of three other organizations. I, Virginia, will tell you about the first two, and Carol will tell you about the third.

I started publishing Transvestia Magazine in 1960. By about the middle of 1962, I had discovered enough readers in the immediate area of Los Angeles to conceive the idea of forming some kind of a social group. Great idea, but how to do it? The '60's may have been the era of doing your own thing, but it was also a time of paranoia about any behavior that was off the beaten path sexually. Crossdressing was not a sexually variant pattern, but the authorities considered it to be such since they were anti-gay and they couldn't think of any reason why an otherwise normal male would want to be wearing dresses, heels, and lipstick unless he was homosexual. So, in the eyes of the authorities, all crossdressers were gay. In this kind of environment, how would I go about getting together twelve guys, none of whom knew any of the other

crossdressers were deep in their closets. Some time later, Psychology Today refused to accept further ads from Mamselle Sorority.

Shortly after the Sorority began, a newsletter called The Monthly was started. It had news of Mamselle members and events, pictures, poetry, and some sort of editorial in each issue.

Just before 1976, Carol was interested in expanding Mamselle Sorority to be a nationwide group. Carol found Lori Lynn in Michigan who had already approached Virginia Prince after Virginia had said in Transvestis #77 that she was looking to step down from some of the day-to-day management duties of FPE. Carol and Lori corresponded at some length. At the same time, Carol and Virginia were negotiating about a merger of Mamselle and FPE. In the mean time, some of the original Alpha Chapter had left to form a new group called CHIC. This group still exists. Some of the remaining Alpha members had joined with the Memselle chapters to form a new chapter in Los Angeles.

On April 27, 1976, an announcement was sent to all Mamselle members that the FPE and the Mamselle Sorority were merged. The new group was to be called the Society for the Second Self, or Tri-Sigma. Some Mamselle members were discomfitted, but the show was on the road for an exclusively heterosexual crossdresser association. Carol became President and Virginia became Secretary/Treasurer of Tri-Sigma. The Femme Mirror was published quarterly. There were about 175 FPE members who were not initially part of the new group, but most of them renewed their memberships in Tri-Sigma.

You might wonder why Carol chose to go along with having the new group being only for heterosexuals after her earlier conviction that Mamselle should be open to any and every crossdresser. The answer is that after seeing several wives leave Mamselle meetings in tears after tactless remarks made by a few transsexuals, and receiving complaints from straight crossdressers who had received advances from some rather forthright bis, she had decided that it would be hard enough to get the new national group off the ground without having to smooth over lots of ruffled feathers as well.

In October 1977, Tri-sigma was contacted by an attorney for a real women's sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma. They had been organized about 1903 and felt that Tri-Sigma was an infringement on their turf. Tri-Sigma was told it could not use the symbols or the name it had been using. Carol and Virginia changed the nickname to Tri-Ess and designed a new logo. However, old habits die hard, and the organization was still using the old materials seven years later. Sigma Sigma Sigma sued for $100,000. A lawyer in Tulare resolved the conflict at no cost, but the sorority stopped using the old symbols after that!

Another attempt was maid to get a wives' support group going. Carol asked Dr. V. Traub, a lady sociologist to lead the group. It met a number of times in Los Angeles, but the momuntum wasn't there, and the group folded. Carol put together a letter to send to merchants explaining to them about crossdressing and asking them if they wanted to serve the crossdressing community. She got enough responses to publish a list of about 85 businesses willing to service the crossdressers in discreet comfort.

One early and continuing success of the sorority was the design of a library index card with the word Transvestism on it, and Tri-Ess's name and address. Members put these cards in the card catalogues of many libraries throughout the US and Canada. Many people, both crossdressers and helping professionals have come to Tri-Ess through these cards.

One of the priorities for the new organization was the development of new chapters. Carol worked hard at this. One of the firs fruits of these efforts was the Sigma chapter in Denver. She also met with nine members in San Francisco, eleven, to talk about being crossdressers? Each would be suspicious of the rest as being undercover policemen or FBI agents.

I rented a small room behind a church in Hollywood, and sent letters of invitation out to all readers in the vicinity, giving them the date, time, and location of the meeting place. I also asked each one to bring two paper bags, one carrying cheese, chips, or other edibles, and in the other, a pair of high heels and a pair of nylons. When we had all gathered together and been introduced by first masculine name only, and with each looking across the room suspiciously at the others, I announced that it was now time "to take off your shoes and socks and put on your stockings and heels." They did so, and

The Founder of Tri-Ess , Virginia Prince

but it took a little longer to get that chapter up and running. Carol's office at that time was filled maps. She used them to locate each Tri-Ess member. As soon as there were enough in one area to justify starting a new chapter, Carol was off. By November 1976 there was a regional coordinator for the Great Lakes, and another for Southern California the following spring. In July of 1977 there was a coordinator for Texas. The nest few years saw chapters start in Buffalo, NY; Washington, DC; Dallas, TX; Maryland; Ann Arbor, MI; and Louisville, KY. There are now over thirty chapters, with others still in the developmental stages.

The September 1977 issue of the Femme Mirror shows a picture of the Chi chapter in Chicago, all thirteen members. Thanks to Naomi Owen, who has been chapter president for twelve years, that chapter is now the largest in Tri-Ess with a membership of over 150.

On March 3, 1977, Ann Landers declared in one of her columns, " . . . some psychiatrists say all transvestites are either homosexual or bisexual." Carol immediately started a campaign to counter this statement. Many sorority members wrote letters describing themselves and their experiences. In a reply to one sister, Ann wrote, "My consultants in the field of psychiatry are reputed to be tops. Every psychiatrist with whom I consult is of the opinion that the vast majority of crossdressers engage in homoseual activities. Those who do not, I am told, have latent homosexual desires which are not acted out." Then she added, "In addition to my consultants, I have a very open and honest relationship with my hairdresser, who is homosexual. He and I discussed homosexuality as well as transvestism in great detail and this young man told me last week . . . that he is thoroughly convinced that all transvestites are homosexual." The letter writing campaign bore fruit. In April, 1977, Ms Landers wrote to the Denver chapter answering their strong letter of protest. She backed off by saying, "I have heard from many authorities, including psychiatrists, and it appears that opinions differ greatly in that area. Some of these authorities have indicated to me that transvestites are neither homosexual nor bisexual." Later, she agreed to refer people to Tri-Sigma.

In 1977, RuthAnn of Wisconsin put together a professional brochure to send out to people who wanted more information on Tri-Ess. With occasional changes over the years, thousands of copies have been sent to people all over the world. She is now working with some sisters in North Carolina devolping a more up-to-date piece.

In the late 70's, Carol enlisted Georgia Saunders in Norther California to start a chapter in the Bay Area. Things were moving right along, when Georgia had second thoughts about Tri-Ess's leadership and its exclusively heterosexual membership rule. Carol and Virginia responded to her accusations, and asked for space to respond in her newsletter. Georgia went on to found the Gateway Gender Alliance, a nationwide gender group with an open policy, and she worked with it until it closed down some years later.

Membership was sought through ads in a variety of regular and alternative news outlets: Moneysworth, Berkeley Barb, Psychology Today, Drag magazine, the LA Free Press, and Inside News. 1977 also saw the beginning of a column for wives in the Femme Mirror, "Wives Talk Back." Many wives were helped, and many became aware of the problems caused by a husband's need to crossdress. That was also the year for Tri-Sigma financial statements to start. Virginia began first as Treasurer, and

thus demonstrated to each other that they all had the same interest and thus, did not have to be fearful of each other. (Of course, we know today that there are a number of policemen who are crossdressers themselves, but we didn't know that in those days, so every other guy was suspected of being a cop or an FBI agent.)

So, there we were, eleven or twelve men in men's clothes, all sitting around wearing nylons and heels. A somewhat ridiculous sight, to be sure, but it worked, and thus began the first organization in the world for heterosexual crossdressers. That was in 1962, and we called the group -- what else? -- the Hose and Heels Club. We all had a good time and broke a lot of ice, and we wanted to do it again. One of our members had a big old house with four bedrooms upstairs and one down, so we had a lot of room for our first girls' club meeting. While all of us had dressed at home, and a few might have ventured outside a couple of times, this was the first time most of us had ever dressed completely in the presence of anyone else, particularly another bunch of guys also tricked out as girls.

It was a tricky beginning, but as the guys with their suitcases, wig boxes, etc. arrived, I would take them upstairs and install them in one of the bedrooms. Then it was downstairs to get the next arrival and put her in another room. By the time I had all the rooms full, it was time to make the rounds and help with makeup, or comb out a wig, . . . Then

later as Controller, keeping the books for the organization.

Tri-Sigma inaugurated the first Holiday En Femme in 1978. This was a four day experience living en femme in New Orleans. The hotel was the Vieux Carré in the French Quarter. The hotel staff went out of their way to treat everyone with dignity and resptect. The girls ate at the best restaurants in the area: Brennan's, Marty's, Antonio's, Brossard's, and Delmonico's. Acting as tour guide, Carol took the girls out to see plantations and many historical sites. The public couldn't help noticing that these women were a bit different, but there was never any trouble. The owner of one night club introduced the girls to the audience and then invited them back to his home after the show. The girls took the town by storm and were captivated by its magic. One of the purposes of the adventure was to get people out in public, seeing and being seen. There was a trip on the Mississippi, and another into the bayou country.

Another early Holiday En Femme was in San Francisco. Carol's pholosophy of getting the girls out in public was vindicated once again. They ate out in restaurants, went to the best theaters, enjoyed a boat trip on the Bay, shopped, visited a wig shop, and went on a wine country tour. Tri-Ess members gained much needed confidence by mingling with "other" people.

In 1980, RuthAnn composed a news release to use when contacting a newspaper, explaining about Tri-Ess and crossdressing. This was later updated by Julie Daniel in Missouri who developed a comprehensive media plan: how to contact the news source, what to do and say, how to protect one's security. A number of members took the program to heart. Articles appeared in newspapers all over the country. Each one was later printed in Femme Mirror. Many people wrote the national Tri-Ess office after seeing its name and address in the media.

In the early 80's, Carol started putting together a Board of Professional People. Her first appointment was Dr. Vernon Bullough, Dean, NYU, Buffalo, NY. Dean Bullough had written various articles on crossdressing, including one dealing with the wives of crossdressers. Next was Dr. Milton Diamond of the University of Hawaii. Later, Dr. Richard Docter, California State University, and Barbara Ruppel, MSW, Executive Director of Families, Inc., in Iowa were appointed. Finally, Dr. Roger Peo of Androgyny Unlimited in Poughkkpsie, NY was asked to join. These people have written a number of articles for Femme Mirror and other publications, since starting to serve on this Board.

A particular project that Carol is working on behalf of Tri-Ess the collection of books at Cal ATate University in Northridge dealing with crossdressing. This large collection needs to be catalogued so that it can be used by researchers writing about gender issues. Carol has also collected hundreds of other publications to add to this collection.

Many people question Tri-Ess about its hetero only approach to crossdressing. In 1982 the membership was polled as a reality check. A high 60% of the members sent back their replies. Of those who answered, 87% wanted Tri-Ess to continue its commitment to the needs of heterosexual crossdressers only.

Tri-Ess members and their wives started appearing on television shows in the early 80's. They were on HBO's "Eros America" series, "Intimacy on File," and a Geraldo show. When the shows allowed Tri-Ess to show its name and address, the national office received hundreds of calls and letters. Different speakers also go to a number of colleges and universities each year, speaking before two or three hundred students.

At the same time Carol asked for volunteers to write to new members to give them support during their early membership. The result new members who tended to stay longer in response to the initial loving acceptance.

There were many people who gave of their time and energy to build Tri-Ess and to keep it going. Donna Martin was Regional Coordinator and

Felicity, Tri-Ess' Oldest Member

I had to persuade them to go downstairs to meet the others. I literally had to take them by the hand and drag them downstairs. But, after being introduced to the others, within five minutes they were all comfortable with each other.

This went on for five or six months, as I remember, and I began to shape up plans for a nationwide sorority with a more dignified name. In the fall of 1962, Susanna Valenti, one of the readers of Transvestia from New York City decided to have a crossdressing weekend at her resort near Hunter, New York. She invited all her New York friends and placed ads in Transvestia invited Tvs from anywhere. My wife and I and two couples from Los Angeles who had worked on the club all went. It was at a gathering of all those present that weekend that I announced the founding of the new national sorority which I called FPE, which stood for Full Per-

Tri-Ess Board of Directors Meeting at the 1991 Holiday En Femme, Chicago.

Director of Marketing. She continues to be Director of Marketing today. She has put in thousands of hours. Marlene was in charge of chapter development for many years. She has spent thousands of hours helping people start chapters in the US and Canada. Gloria Ann was an early leader of the Couples' Auxiliary and helped keep this program going. Jane FAirfax has been a hard worker ever since she joined. She is now Chairman of the Board of Directors, and doing an excellent job since she replaced Carol in 1988. Many volunteers are now working for the advancement of Tri-Ess, and the load is easier for all.

Tri-Ess has begun to publish the Clarion, a small magazine about leadership and organization. Few people are born leaders, but most can learn how to lead. This magazine has contained job descriptions for various offices and advice on how to start new chapters. Also, information is supplied to chapter leaders and Regional Coordinators about new members and other bookkeeping matters. It is hoped that this will become a tool to strengthen the organization's infra structure.

Jane Fairfax has taken the existing programs and fleshed them out, revived others, and made some out of whole cloth. The Regional Coordinators, the Wives' Support Group, and the new Big Sister program all speak for the leadership and determination at headquarters. Jane does an excellent job, and the sorority is that much better because of her. Tri-Ess is no longer a mom-and-pop operation. The future looks promising because of all the volunteers and competent leaders who devote hundreds of hours to the organization each month.

Although Virginia Prince has kept a low profile, her contributions over the years have been invaluable. She has advised the leaders of the organization from its inception, after the merger of FPE and Mamselle. She continues to act as controller, and her wise counsel is still available. The seeds were planted with the FPE the Mamselle Sorority, and the fruit that grew from their union.

The world needs Tri-Ess - so does the world of heterosexual crossdressers. They go together, they are made for each other. The tree has been planted, and a strong trunk has grown. Now it is ready to bloom and produce sweet fruit. Future generations of crossdressers might never know much about Carol and Virginia, but if these future crossdressers are benefitting from an organization known as Tri-Ess, then Virginia and Carol, regardless of where they may be, will be happy!

Jane Ellen Fairfax delivers 1991 Keynote Address

sonality Expression. That is, expressing both the masculine and feminine sides of one's personality. Since it was a sorority, albeit for males, it had to be translated into Greek letters, and so it became Phi Pi Epsilon.

As Transvestia acquired more readers, we began to form chapters in those cities where there were three or more readers. Thus, early chapters were in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Dallas, Madison, Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Toronto, Seattle, and other places. After several years, amid charges on the part of various unaffiliated persons who were envious of the success of FPE that I was making a financial killing from the dues paid by members, I asked a

TRI-ESS ON LOCATION - 1989 Holiday En Femme
Touring Charles Krug Winery, San Francisco

friend in Madison named Fran to take over as treasurer. I sent her the entire treasury and asked her to handle all financial matters so as to put a stop to the destructive accusations going around. She not only handled the treasurer's job, but in a couple of years became the national director of FPE.

Fran had her own chapter in Madison called the Theta chapter, and she published the Theta News dealing with what was going on in her chapter, and news from other chapters, too. Then she took over the newsletter that had been started here in Los Angeles, which I had named the Femme Mirror. Fran managed FPE and published the Mirror for about twelve years.

It seems to be a facet of human nature that in any movement there will be people who think they can run things better than the person who is already doing it, or they dislike some policy of the existing organization. It happened to the Black movement, the Gay movement, and the Women's movement. It also happened in the TV movement. Five or six of the groups still functioning today around the country were split offs from FPE, and several others have since disintegrated.

On my trips abroad I helped to get the Beaumont Society started in England and two others in Denmark and Sweden. These last two groups still operate under the name of FPE of Northern Europe. When I went to New Zealand and Australia in 1969, I helped organize the Seahorse Society in both countries. The name came from the fact that I had adopted the seahorse as our mascot because it is the male who takes care of and brings up the young.

I still had Transvestia in 1976, and so had access to members all over the country. Carol Beecroft had done well with her organization Mamselle, but it was handicapped by not having access to people outside southern California. I in turn, was getting tired of carrying the burden of FPE alone, which I had done to do since Fran had had to retire for business reasons several years before. Operations had then fallen back on my shoulders. So, Carol and I got together and decided to merge the two groups into a new and larger one. I came up with the name of the Society for the Second Self as adequately describing the kind of people we were and thus the logical name for the organization.

The policies of the new organization were the same as before, namely, that we limited membership to heterosexual males out of consideration for wives. Many wives are

concerned that their crossdressing husband is either a secret homosexual or in the process of becoming one, or that he is considering transsexual surgery, which would require a divorce. So, since from the first meeting of the Hose and Heels Club I had wanted to do what I could to "promote domestic tranquility" as it says in the Declaration of Independence, I decided not to accept gays or TSs into FPE, and subsequently the same policy was adopted by Tri-Ess. We also discouraged alcoholic beverages at meetings to avoid the possibility of someone having one too many and then getting into an accident or a traffic arrest on the way home. Under the stress of such a situation, the person might explain that he (as she) had been to a party and thus allow the police to investigate further. Beyond the set two rules, each chapter runs itself.

After sixteen years of publishing Transvestia and a number of years of shepherding FPE, and because I had a lot of other projects to attend to , Carol and I decided that she would become the Executive Director of Tri-Ess and I would become the Treasurer. So it remains today. But, after a couple of years of our managing the organization between us, we decided that we needed a Board of Directors. They could assist in general operations and facilitate the growth of the organization. So we picked some of the better known members of the Society and people who would actively apply themselves for the good of their sisters. They have certainly done so. Under the capable leadership of Jane Ellen Fairfax as Chairlady, and her spouse as general assistant and Secretary, Tri-Ess has grown, adopted new policies, taken the Femme Mirror and turned it into a first-rate magazine that all members can be proud of.

We have adopted a Big Sister Program whereby new girls joining the Society have an older member volunteer to assist and indoctrinate her and help her to integrate into the Sorority. From the very beginning of Hose and Heels, and then FPE, we always urged wives to attend meetings and welcomed their participation. We realized at our national convention in San Francisco in 1988 that we had several very dedicated females attending and working with us. Moreover, we had restricted our membership to straight males out of consideration for wives, so why should the wives be in the position of being a Women's Auxiliary to Tri-Ess? The Board voted unanimously to open our membership to females who were either wives, partners of members, or interested in the subject, or in us. Thus we became the first crossdressing organization to be family-oriented, and we encourage the participation of wives and girl friends in meetings and conventions.

The Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess) is now the oldest, largest and most widely dispersed group of crossdressers in the world having over thirty chapters around this country, and members in a number of foreign countries. So, if you are interested and qualify, write to

The family that dresses together stays together.
(above left; LINDA & CYNTHIA PHILLIPS
(below) DR. PEGGY & MELANIE RUDD

Society for the Second Self
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and ask for an application form. If your wife or partner is willing, apply for her, too. Annual dues are $35 for male members and only an additional $15 for partners. The difference in cost is because only one subscription to the Femme Mirror is included in the two memberships.

We look forward to a nice increase in membership because of this article. Many of you may either never have known about Tri-Ess or have not understood that while we have no bias against either gay or TS people, we have simply limited ourselves to heterosexual members. We feel competent to help, advise, and understand such people, but do not feel we could serve the interests and needs of gay and TS persons equally well. As the saying goes, try us, you might like us.

A Re-emergence of the Goddess

by Holly Boswell

In her Trinity Award acceptance speech at the IFGE convention in Denver last year, Mariette Pathy Allen challenged the Gender Community with an important question:

Do you realize that you would have been the Berdaches in another society? You would have been the spiritual leaders, the visionaries who saw the bigger picture, because you see from more points of view . . . It is critical that you claim that position now. It is yours.

Rena Swifthawk, a Native American medicine woman, says that she and her elders believe that there is an abundance of transgendered people being born into the world now who can help heal the planet if they choose to accept this role. Many so-called New Age thinkers, peace activists, ecologists, radical feminists . . . even anthropologists and psychologists are advocating the need for a new set of values based on cooperation, balance, and harmony to replace the institutionalized ethics of competition, polarization, and domination.

There is strong evidence that human cultures up until 5,000 years ago were matriarchal, goddess-worshipping, and egalitarian. Men and women were equal partners, not master and slave, and the global ecology was respected. In her book The Chalice and the Blade, Riane Eisler points out " . . . the central religious image [used to be] a woman giving birth and not, as in our time, a man dying on a cross . . . in this new reality that is now said to be the sole creation of a male God, the life-giving and nurturing [qualities have] been displaced by the power to dominate and destroy . . . " The subjugation of women and of Nature is symptomatic of the disastrous path we have been traveling for far too long.

Gender liberation may well be the key to a revolution in consciousness that is needed to resolve our most urgent global crises. Gender is at the very heart of who we are as human beings, and governs how we interact with each other and the world. The inner healing that we as transgendered individuals achieve can be outwardly applied to the imbalance and distress that surrounds us. This used to be standard practice in most "primitive" societies. Some form of transgenderism was a prerequisite for Native American medicine people (Berdache), the Hijras of India, the Mahu of Polynesia, the Shamans of Asia, and elsewhere. Other spiritual disciplines such as Wicca, Taoism, Tantrism, the Christian Order of Mary, and Hermetic teachings espouse similar views of gender balance. Despite the errancy of Western Civilization, an androgynous Jesus Christ tried to reassert the feminine values of compassion, responsibility, and love over the masculine excesses of conquest and inequality.

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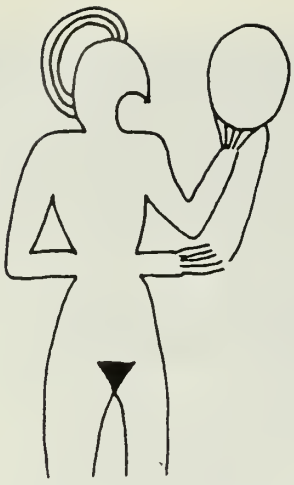

With the homogenization of our great American melting pot and shrinking global village, we have lost most of the diverse traditions and ancient knowledge that might have enabled us to restore this balance. Part of our task must be to generate new modes of healing and maintenance, perhaps through preventive and corrective educational efforts, communications media and the arts, newly adapted rituals, and specific practices like role sharing, more active parenting, negotiated conflict resolution, recycling, etc.

During the workshop on Transgender Alternatives that I led at the Southern Comfort convention in Atlanta, Petra Dawn asked how we as transgendered people might utilize our unique perspectives to make a positive contribution to mainstream society. Yvonne Cook suggested that all the participants choose one word to describe the role they would play to achieve this reintegration. The enthusiastic and inspired response included: healer, teacher, listener, nurturer, mediator, creative synthesizer, visionary, liberator, peacemaker, networker, role model, counselor, messenger, mind-opener, aware-ionary. . . Our discussion of androgyny, the Berdache legacy, and gender liberation led to this spontaneous response. We amazed each other with this outpouring of shared purpose and vision. There was a surge of energy that seemed to spiral up from our circle, sending chills up our spines and moving some of us to tears with the realization that we each have something very special to offer after all.

No matter what our religious background, beliefs, or talents, let us encourage each other to explore the potential of our transgender heritage. In what form will the Goddess emerge through you? What motivates and inspires you? What spiritual and earthly tools will you need to accomplish your work? How will you share your knowledge? Ultimately, how can you summon the potency of your divine grace to heal the dis-ease and suffering of fellow humans, of all the other innocent life forms, and of Mother Earth herself?

You will find your calling "where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

(A dozen and more transgendered people are forming a Circle, hopefully the first of many, to share and transmute their knowledge into practice for personal and global healing. Mother Earth needs you, too, to form more Transgender Healers' Circles.)

Know Your Goddesses

(title) Bird-headed Priestess, Egypt, before 3,000 B.C.
(previous page left) Venus of Villen Austria, 20,000 B.C.
(previous page right) Female hol breasts, Cyprus, 2,500 B.C.
(this page) Geometric female hol mirror, Mesopotamia, 3,100 B.C.

The First Time

by Bobbie Brown

Coasting down the off-ramp, the mall is now visible, and my body is readying for combat -- senses are on high alert; each light is primordially bright, the contrasts are all vivid. (My God, I'm only going to the mall. I've been there many times.) Finger tips are moist, like going on a first date? No, like jumping out of an airplane for the first time!

Getting out of the car, standing up, feeling fine. Oh, shit! I left my purse inside. OK, let's start again. Walking towards the mall entrance I keep a few feet to the side of my woman friend, trying not to make the height difference too obvious. At the curb I thought, if she walks on the sidewalk and I stay in the driveway -- dumb -- nobody ever walks together that way. Oh, well.

As we pass an outdoor restaurant a brunette notices us. What now? Wow, it's only casual and she looks on to other things. I need practice in peripheral vision. Not using my male scanning mode is frustrating. I must

remember I'm more in a "neutral" or "be seen" mode than in my typical "to see" pattern. Hopefully, not being a fashion plate or a sex pot will let people easily move on to more rewarding views. I've got to try to lightly notice both sexes, not just the females. Remember that my friend could tell where those Japanese monks were just by how they looked at her.

There's a black cop at the door, and I'm bigger than he is! He opens the door for a mother and child and ignores us as we go in one door to his left.

My friend goes to make a reservation at the restaurant. I'm alone a few feet inside the biggest mall in town. I try to read the posted menu, but my glasses are only for distance (I wonder if my adrenal glands have aggravated the focusing by dilating my pupils). The restaurant bar, full of people noticing and being noticed, is on the other side of the window -- not a good place to loiter. I move further into the mall. Oops, the green light from that sign probably won't do me any favors. That pillar looks like a good place to stand. A blonde on the opposite side chooses a similar place to stand. Great, I must be doing something right. She notices me, but doesn't pay any attention. Even better! Maybe, just maybe . . .

My friend calls from the restaurant, we can get seats right now. Well, I guess it had to be sometime. I try to walk through the bar as straight, tall, and gracefully as possible. I wonder if my Adam's apple shows. I wonder if my pulse shows. Do I even have a pulse?

My God, the tables are close together! I sit with my back to the wall, thanks to my friend. There are two young women to my left and a Chinese couple to the right. Both are only inches away -- actually, I think it was about an arm's length with a slightly bent elbow. The waiter comes and my friend orders. So do I. My voice! It's much lower than normal. I can't talk like this, but I don't have a choice. Can anyone hear besides the waiter? The pair on the left are talking seriously. Do they know? The other couple is speaking Chinese. Perhaps all non-orientals look and sound alike to them.

The wine tastes terrible -- are my stomach juices in my mouth? The house wine was good when I was here with her before. She sips hers. It's bad, too! Again, it's not me. Dinner comes. How can I eat all of that? I never should have worn the corset. My figure isn't worth it. The waiter talks to my friend, but to me, his voice drops lower, perhaps even below mine. Is this a subtle male-to-male putdown? Twelve hours later I remember a Reagan interview when a third party noted that even though the President hadn't been a broadcaster for decades, both he and his interviewer leapfrogged their pitch lower as their conversation progressed. Perhaps it's not just journalists. Maybe the waiter wasn't lowering his voice because I was a guy, but just did it naturally to be below that of the "woman" by the wall. I'll never know for sure, but I think I'll choose to remember it that way.

Now we have new couples on both sides. The guys are facing me. They're serious. Have they noticed? Maybe not -- I think they would pay more attention, smirk, or do something if they had.

Time to go . . . "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, I'm free at last!"

The mall is big, wide. People weren't so claustrophobically close, and they're moving. Wonderful!

A pretty and petite salesgirl in Nordstrum's tells my friend that they don't carry larger women's sizes anymore. Is that a slight sound of contempt in her voice? Does she? Or was she just holding back a little female one-upmanship? If so, I love her! Any gal who wants to feel better because she can best my size 18 image is a friend. I'm happy just to be on the same playing field!

Over to Lane Bryant. The salesgirls sort of ignore us. The one at the cash register notices me a little more. I can't read the look. Well, there's no gawking or giggling, so I guess I'm OK.

Off to the benches at the center of the mall. Everyone is passing. The only notice seems to be that the bench is taken. The black cop and a buddy show up. It almost looks like they're going to direct traffic. He glances our way, barely notices, and continues doing whatever. I would have paid more attention to a five foot fourteen inch woman, but then I start from a different place.

I'm more relaxed, but not enough to have anything approaching the animated and fluid gestures appropriate to my appearance.

Off to Emporium. The saleswomen seem only interested enough to determine how seriously we are shopping. Our browsing and color tests in the mirrors seem to be read as they'd best spend their salestime elsewhere.

One of the couples from the restaurant appears. Here's a real test. They're a few feet away and I watch them in a distant mirror. (What's this? New skills?) They don't even give a second glance. It's time to go. What a wonderful going away gift!

(While taking off my makeup, I discover some spinach salad between my teeth. I guess I should have gone to the powder room before leaving the restaurant.)

BEING ALL YOU CAN BE

By Donna T.

My secretary tells me I am a perfectionist. I really don't think so. It would only take the undivided attention of a Hollywood make-up artist for a month or two; a wardrobe consultant and a dressmaker for two or three months (Finally, a dress that fits in the shoulders and the waist!); a coach for walking, sitting, and standing for nine months to a year; a wig specialist; a couple of years with a voice coach; Oops, better not forget a color, image, and fashion person to make me look like the person I am.

Then, when I step out of the closet, I certainly will be all I can be. It may take me until I am seventy years old to get out of that closet, but I sure will look great! I see a problem here. Some of the help I need could be available at a local support group. But, I don't think I can go there until I have my act together. I don't want them to think I don't know how to do what I don't know how to do.

Something is not quite right here. When I start working on important things, it all falls apart. This makes me think I'm not on the right track. For example, I would like four or five good photos of my femme self, but only, of course if I could look attractive and feminine. Somehow, I don't think K-mart's 48 photos for $12.95 will do the trick. Calling a professional photographer would lead to a great deal of embarrassment, so that's out. If I wait until I get my act together in my seventies, my old age pension won't be enough to pay for the pictures.

On the other hand, my therapist thinks that with a few years of therapy, and a lot of painful work, he can cure me of this cross-dressing disease. (I love optimistic people!) The subject of twice a week at $75.00 per wasn't mentioned.

Actually, what I really need is to find a girl friend who would like to become the wife of a crossdresser. "What woman wouldn't?" If she were over six feet tall, unevenly proportioned, and built like a line-backer, we could even share our wardrobes. She could teach me how to walk, and act, and dress, and talk, and . . . Somehow I think that may not be any easier than dealing with the therapist for several years. (Why do I always want to make the last four letters - pest?)

Could it be that the way to do this is to just accept my femme self the way she is today? That I should trust that she will do better in the future if she just works at it, and starts to relax?

I wonder if I went out to one of the support groups, even though my hair and voice are not perfect, would I be accepted? Or, would my appearance cause them to reject me? I'll bet that they are all perfect ladies in those groups, and I would be the only one there who wasn't perfect.

Still, something tells me I should give it a shot. After all, when I was first learning to walk, I fell down. But, I did learn to walk. Since then, I've covered a considerable distance. Maybe I can work on being perfect as I go. That might be the best way to get there.

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SEVERING your Options

by Dianna C.

(Dianna C. has been on the board of directors for five years and currently is the vice president of the Gender Identity Center of Colorado, Inc., 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211 (303) 458 5378, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation providing support and education for crossdressers, transsexuals, and the transgendered; GIC is entirely peer supported, and has been serving the community since 1978.)

The Gender Identity Center of Colorado (GIC) is only about 200 miles north of "TS Mecca," Trinidad, Colorado. That's about three to four hours by car, depending upon your testosterone levels. It's a little over six hours by bus, with stops in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and several small towns along the way. The last two hundred miles of a lifetime journey for some, the first two hundred miles of the rest of a lifetime for others.

The last hour of the trip is through some pretty desolate desert country: gently rolling brown plains and plateaus sparsely dotted with scrub brush and small cactus. Trinidad is a turn-of-the-century town situated in a shallow valley between a desert plateau and a mountain ridge. Mt. San Raphael Hospital is a modern facility off to the southeast, on the hills overlooking the town. The old hospital building, a Hollywood-horror-movie-type structure, was torn down about five years ago. How brave the girls who entered that building to begin a new life must have been!

Tapestry and other gender community publications have published many glowing stories about Sex Reassignment Surgery from nearly every conceivable angle. But, so far, no one has been willing to address any of the major problems. My experiences indicate that the anticipated improvements in personal quality of life are not quite so easy to obtain, nor are they so beautiful as these stories would indicate. And none of these problems are with Dr. Biber's work. Dr. Biber is an artist, a first-rate sculptor.

I have driven quite a few girls from Denver's airport to Trinidad and/or back to Denver; several other GIC girls have also helped with this service. It is actually very educational, to see and talk with girls from around the world all sharing a common bond. In this brief period of very intense personal reflection for these girls, the good, the bad, and the ugly situations are immediately apparent.

The major problems arise from giving in to a testosterone-induced, male-ego-driven need to accomplish and complete the task above all else; failing to really personally consider the consequences, the options and alternatives with a qualified/educated/experienced therapist before scheduling surgery.

This misguided quest is the result of an absolutely unreasoned belief that Sex Reassignment Surgery will make all of life's clouds go away, and that the world will turn technicolor-beautiful with the completion of the surgery. Surgery can only fix what is wrong with your body; surgery can never fix what is wrong in your life. SRS will not, by itself, make life any more livable.

Surgery cannot and will not change anyone's perception of who or what you are. No one will ever know whether you have indoor plumbing or outdoor plumbing unless you tell them, or show them. If you have to prove that you have indoor plumbing to pass as a woman, you will never pass as a woman.

The major quality of life problems become undeniably obvious soon after the options have been cut off.

One of the most common problems I see in the Trinidad recovery rooms is a lack of electrolysis. Hormone replacement therapy and surgery will not stop facial hair regrowth. My personal belief is that it is critical for facial electrolysis to be completed prior to surgery, because the alternative, the option, is to spend two or more years as a bearded lady. The hairs need to be long enough for the electrologist to see their direction of growth and grasp them for removal.

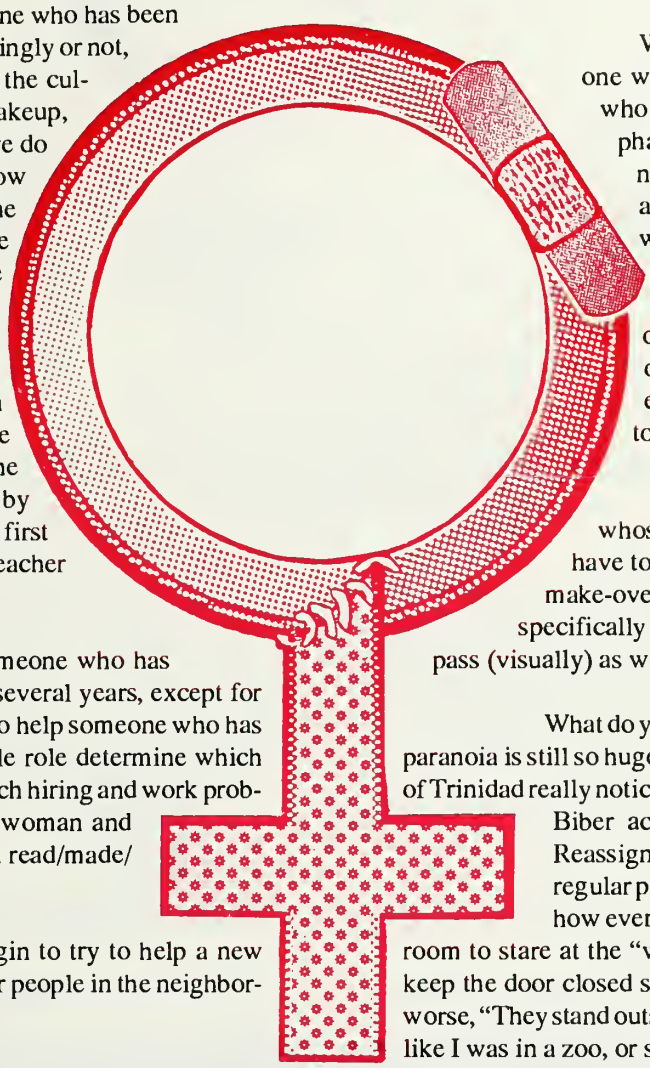
Another major problem is related to a lack of physical preparation for surgery. If you have been a couch potato, hidden away while waiting for your "twelve months" to go by, your body will have a much harder and more painful time healing.

I am amazed by the variety of colors I have seen a post-op body generate; I didn't know it was possible for the human body to turn some of those colors. The levels of pain and discomfort expressed during the first few days after surgery, and the ability to use the dilator over the next few weeks without intense pain are directly related to prior physical conditioning and overall health. The girls who were careful about their diet and exercised regularly over a long period of time prior to surgery had little swelling, no abnormal coloration, and quickly went off pain medication (often in only one day!).

But, probably the biggest horror stories of all are the ones with the most long-term ramifications. And these are from the girls who were not psychologically ready for the lifestyle changes. Being absolutely convinced of the necessity of the surgery is not the same as having prepared to live life as a woman. Hating your body is not the same as proving, at least to yourself, that you can live, work, socialize, and survive in the female role, twenty-four hours per day. Proving to yourself and to the world around you that you can face and accept

life's challenges as they come as a woman, and not just survive in a "safe" world of your own creation is critical.

How do you help a new woman whose total real-world cross-living experience is one week in a polyester pantsuit? How do you help anyone who has been acculturated in the male role, willingly or not, to even begin to understand that the culture of women is far more than makeup, clothing, and body shape? Where do you send people to learn about how and why women treat each other the ways they do? Where can anyone learn about women, beyond the flashy, glittery, sexy, and erotic vision some women generate to attract men? Where will anyone learn about the difference between attractive and credible, desirable and smart, easy and capable? The only way to learn is by doing, by being, by experiencing all of this first hand, all under the guidance of a teacher who knows the difference.



What do you say to someone who has "lived full-time as a woman for several years, except for on the job"? How do you begin to help someone who has no work experience in the female role determine which discrimination problems and which hiring and work problems are related to being a real woman and which are related to having been read/made/known as a transsexual?

Where do you even begin to try to help a new woman who thinks fixing cars for people in the neighborhood is a "safe" career?

How do you approach a new woman who genuinely believes that she will have an extreme competitive advantage over other women in the workplace because as a man she was able to see and learn the male games? Where do you begin to explain that men in the work force will never tolerate a woman who acts that much like a man?

It is truly fascinating listening to people who have spent years believing that a specific shade of makeup or nailcolor can make or break their ability to pass as a woman. It is truly fascinating listening to people who have spent years believing that it is crucial to learn how to walk, stand, and sit like a woman in order to pass as a woman. It is truly fascinating listening to people who have spent years believing that it is absolutely necessary to wear dresses, or at least skirts and blouses, but never slacks or jeans, in order to pass as a woman. But, truly the most intensely fascinating aspect is how these people believe that their male-world, male-culture attitudes toward life and business will not generate any problem in their ability to pass as a woman!

How do you help a new woman who has been half of a gay crossdressing couple, who flipped a coin to determine which one would have the operation with the agreement that the loser would grow a beard and live as the husband?

Where do you begin to help someone who is almost two years post-op, who has returned for labioplasty (the phase two operation that makes the new vagina more visually perfect), and who is still afraid to use the women's rest rooms?

How do you help someone whose need to act ladylike overwhelms even their need to express real discomfort and/or pain to the hospital staff?

What do say to someone whose self-image is so poor that they have to show you photographs taken by make-over artists, brought along to Trinidad specifically to "prove" that they really can pass (visually) as women?

What do you say to the girls whose personal paranoia is still so huge that they believe that the people of Trinidad really notice or care what they are doing? Dr. Biber acknowledges at least 2,700 Sex Reassignment Surgeries in addition to his regular practice. But, time after time I hear how everyone in the hospital comes by the room to stare at the "weirdo" and, "Would you please keep the door closed so they won't do that," and, even worse, "They stand outside my window and stare in at me like I was in a zoo, or something." Nobody in Trinidad notices or cares who or what you are, whether you pass or not. It is too common here; the townspeople couldn't care less. If anything, it is the paranoia that makes others uncomfortable, because they can't be sure what it is those girls really are hiding!

How do you help the recent post-op with a routine like dilation? Where do you find the strength to help someone who has led an undisciplined life suddenly stick to a schedule that absolutely mandates an intensely painful dilation (a process that has been described as self-impaling) every four hours, a process that may take an hour or more each time?

And the hardest of all, what do you say to someone who is finally ready to acknowledge, eight to ten days after surgery, that having indoor plumbing will not change how others relate to them; that they still have to resolve the rejection of family

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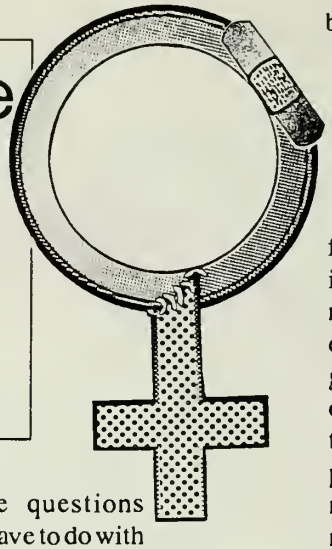

members and maybe even co-workers? How do you comfort the new woman who received no flowers or cards, no phone calls, no outside support other than possibly a visit from someone from the GIC?

If the new woman didn't care enough about herself to get into shape physically and emotionally before surgery, what will it take to get her to care enough afterwards? If she didn't care enough about her future to take care of her life and her lifestyle before Sex Reassignment Surgery, how will that event change anything?

The questions asked here have to do with one woman's attitude of caring, of reaching out to help other new women with understanding and empathy, support and aid. A man would say he didn't need any help, thanks. A man would say everyone has their own problems, that no one should need to help and care that much for another person, and that no one should expect that much help and care. And that is why the medical community refers to most new women as "Post-op Transsexuals," rather than as "women."

Because, you see, the price to be paid to achieve this dream of all dreams (mother of all dreams??) is like a yard-long ruler, with the inch-marks as check points. You must pay the full price, sometime, somewhere; you must reach and accomplish each and every check point. You do have the freedom to choose to have your plumbing moved indoors at any point along the ruler, but you will still travel the full distance. And the experiences of the girls who have gone before you proves over and over, without exception, that the more of the check points you accomplish before surgery, the easier all the rest of the check points are to reach. It really is a "Pay now or pay later" deal.

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TRANSFORMATIONS *Revisited*

by NANCY REYNOLDS

At the last Fantasia Fair in Provincetown, I watched Mariette Pathy Allen, author of TRANSFORMATIONS - Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them, at work. It was an education for me, prompting me to take another look at her book, and through it, her work.

PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST AS A YOUNG LADY
Self portrait (before encountering the Gender Community)

MARIETTE ON LOCATION
(left) Be All, June 1990
(below) California
Photo credit: Diahanna

It was by chance that I got to watch her at work. My friend Allison decided to take advantage of Mariette's presence at the Fair for a photo session, and invited me along. I not only got to play cheerleader, but also wound up getting into a few shots with Allison. So I saw and felt what it is like to work with Mariette, both as an onlooker and as a subject. Later, I attended Mariette's seminar on photography, where she taught basic technique and pointed out some of the less obvious aspects of some of her photographs.

The first thing that struck me was that she's someone who enjoys her work. She likes to play while she works, which makes it a joy to work with her and no doubt contributes to the quality of her results. The second thing that became clear is that she's good at it. Being with her expanded my appreciation of photography, rather than presenting opportunities for criticism. The third thing I observed is that Mariette loves people. Were I more perceptive, it would have been obvious to me from her work. Now that I've seen her at play, the love in her pictures is much more apparent.

In re-reading the introduction to TRANSFORMATIONS, I am impressed by its sincerity, intelligence, and, even more so, by its love. Here is someone who is truly our friend, who sees the beauty within us that we sometimes forget in our preoccupation with the quest for a more ideal appearance.

Photo Credit : Diaahanna, CA

Mariette says that she does not take pretty pictures. She doesn't; she takes beautiful pictures, where beauty is truth regarded from a loving perspective. I am lucky to have two pictures that Mariette took in Denver (IFGE '91) in which I am a part. Although neither is what I would consider my prettiest picture, I find myself fascinated by both. Each is an expression of my personality, vivid and real, rather than a pose for effect. They are honest, and, as a result, beautiful in a fuller sense than other shots which seem more pretty at first. I suppose you could make the analogy that Mariette's work compares to pretty pictures in the same way that a true friend compares to a smiling acquaintance. We are not always smiling; sometimes we think serious, sad, or tender thoughts. Mariette takes these, and says "Look! A real person! How beautiful!"

Her book, her work, is more than just pictures. It is also a text which provides a sampling of the feelings of crossdressers in the subject's own words, carefully distilled by Mariette from long hours of interviews. They are honest; for some readers (my mom, for one) uncomfortably so. Because of their honesty, though, this book will endure as an insightful look at an increasingly significant segment of our society. Perhaps one day it will provide a record of the pioneers of far-reaching change. Or simply the documentation of a dying breed. Either way, it'll be a treasure then, as it is now.

(above) At Fantasia Fair's 'Ladies Night Dinner'.
(below) At Coming Together-Working Together Convention, San Francisco.

For those of us who would dare to step outside with dignity and self-respect, TRANSFORMATIONS is a beautiful and thoughtful expression of love for our sisters and for ourselves. It belongs on our bookshelves as well as on those of our public libraries and bookstores where it can spread its message of love and acceptance.

Thank you, Mariette!

TRANSFORMATIONS:
Crossdressers And Those Who Love Them, a photographic journal by Mariette Pathy Allen, is available from IFGE, PO Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778, or 617-894-8340 for $24.95 + 2.50 P&H.

PORTRAITS OF AN ARTIST

(After exposure to the Gender Community)

(opposite page top) Mariette expressing her true gift through the art of makeup application.

(opposite page bottom) Mariette as the Diva of the Fantasia Fair 'FANTASY BALL.'

(this page bottom) A blonde Mariette forgetting how to operate her camera.

(this page top) Mariette with Pamela Van Buren at the 'FANTASY BALL'

"Mariette says that she does not take pretty pictures. . ."

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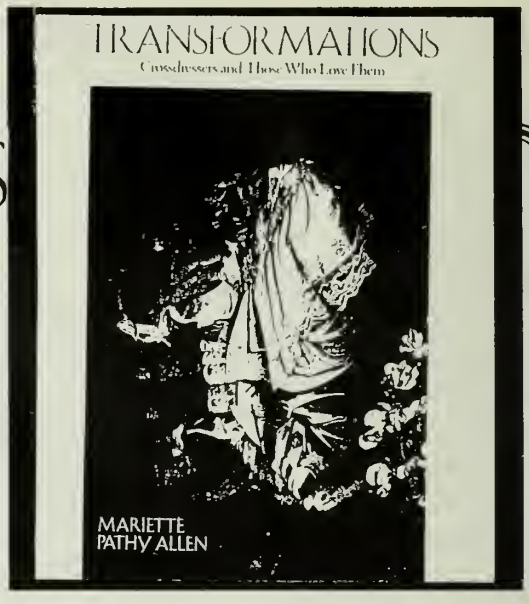
"She doesn't ; she takes beautiful pictures, where beauty is truth regarded from a loving perspective."
Mariette Pathy Allen

TRANSFORMATIONS

A generous benefactor has given us a chance to share Mariette Pathy Allen's sensitive picture of the gender community with the world. An anonymous donor has contributed a fund to make copies of TRANSFORMATIONS: Crossdressers and those who love them available at a reduced price of $15 plus $2.50 for shipping for direct donation to libraries. By sending IFGE $17.50 for each copy, you can have this book donated to the library or libraries of your choice.

Remember how difficult it was to find accurate and sensitive information about crossdressing, how what you found in the library or at the therapist's was frightening, weird, wrong, or all three? By placing copies of Mariette's book in libraries across the country we can make available information that accurately reflects a variety of crossdressing behaviors and lifestyles. We can help the libraries answer questions with answers instead with further questions.



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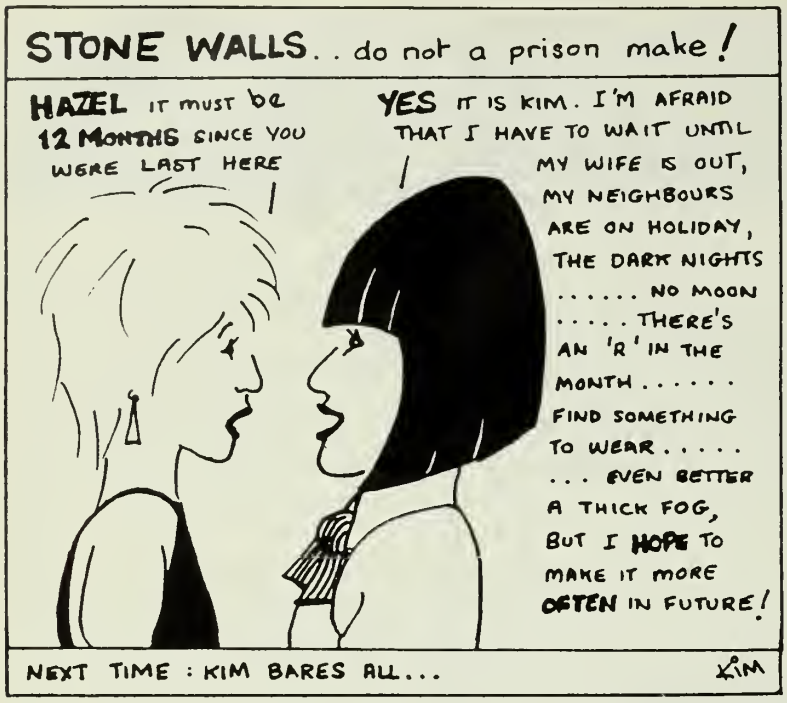

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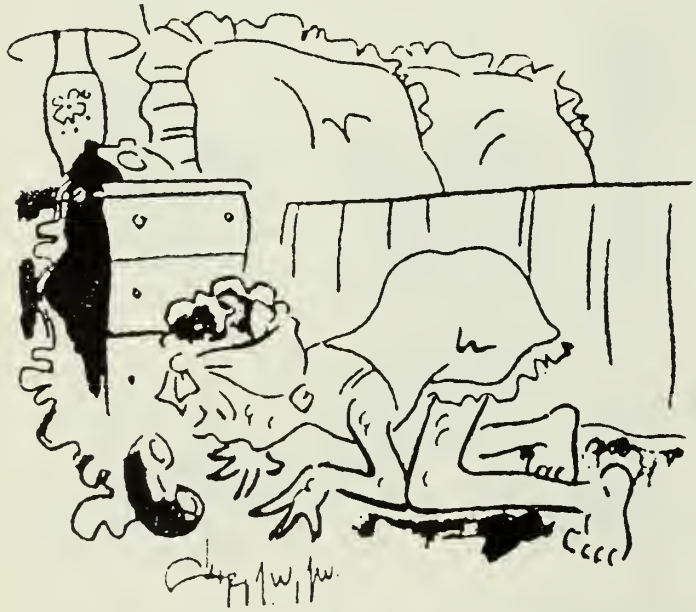

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Bulletins, Notices & News

STEPHANIE ANNE LLOYD JAILED

(Reprinted from International TV Repartee published by Rose's, P O Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND.)

In November 1991 we had the news that the famous transsexual, Stephanie Anne Lloyd, together with her business partner Raiko Ristic, who run the Transformation business, had both been sentenced to one year in jail and fined three thousand pounds each. They were charged with publishing obscene videos.

The Greater Manchester Obscene Publications Squad were alerted by customers who were offended by the adverts for the video in the brochures which are regularly sent to mail order customers. The police made nine simultaneous raids on the shops and houses connected with the company and seized more then 5,000 videos together with a computer print out of the names of 28,000 potential customers.

In court, Lloyd's defending counsel, Mr. Geoffrey Robertson, said she was looked on as a role model for others with the same "illness" and added, "Her greatest regret is that she has let down those who have looked up to her as a transsexual who has made it in a man's world." After three days the authorities eventually decided to send her to a woman's prison at Askham Grange, near York.

This is not the first time Transformation have been taken to court. In April 1991, they were fined 1,700 pounds and ordered to pay 300 pounds costs for selling Femglow tablets which were claimed to make men feel like women, glow inside and fill them with feminine confidence and zest. In fact, Government Inspectors found they were simple vitamin pills for which Transformation had no license to sell.

HERE IS THE NEWS FROM THE BBC

A new TV station has been started in Belfast with ambitious plans to rival the entertainment output of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The Belfast Butterfly Club, with so far just a couple of dozen members, has already cast aside the caterpillar lifestyle of the former Belfast TV/TS Group which it has replaced. At its first general meeting in September the club appointed an executive committee to put its affairs on a more businesslike level, though it remains a voluntary, self-help group there to support Tvs, Tss, and their partners with advice and information.

Club president Linda Marshall is backed by a strong line-up which includes Joanne Coyle as vice president and treasurer, and Sharon Blair as secretary and liaison officer. The rest of the committee consists of Tania (assistant secretary), Daphne (assistant treasurer), Kate (P.R.O.), Rachel (entertainment and catering officer) and June and Anne as partners' liaison.

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at premises in downtown Belfast, but other events in the second and fourth weeks have been added to the busy schedule with the emphasis very much on enjoyment.

A photographic evening, quiz night and group discussions have been supplemented in the programme by guest speakers from the University of Ulster's Transgender Archive and the local Gender Identity clinic. there have been trips to visit the Friends of Eon in Dublin, to the Harmony Weekend in Scarborough and the Beaumont Silver Jubilee in Sheffield as well as nearer home to the local gay pub. Added to this have been regular parties at members' homes and the New Year promises an even busier time with a make-up demonstration, Miss TV Northern Ireland contest, restaurant outings, literary evening, charades, treasure hunt and barbecue plus lots more parties to look forward to.

The Belfast Butterfly Club can be contacted by writing to, P O Box 44, Belfast BT1 1SH, Northern Ireland, or telephone (0232) 322023 on the first and third Tuesday of the month between 7.30pm and 10.00pm.

STATE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS CROSSGENDER PHOTOS ON PASSPORTS

A male to female living full-time recently applied for a passport. She was told that she had to submit pictures for her passport that would present her in a way that would agree with the sex listed on her birth documents. She replied that it didn't make sense for her to do so as she would be traveling as a woman even though the sex listed on her passport would be male. The staff person suggested she write Washington. She did, and their response follows.

Dear Jane:

I refer to your February 8 letter requesting that photographs depicting you as a female be accepted for your passport application.

A passport is defined by Section 101 (a) (30) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as "any travel document issued by competent authority showing the bearer's origin, identity, and nationality if any, which is valid for the entry of the bearer into a foreign country." As you are aware, an individual's sex is an integral part of that person's identity. A passport must reflect the individual's correct sex so as to meet the criteria of the law.

Federal regulations also provide, in effect, that the photographs to be used with a passport application should satisfactorily identify the applicant. Because of this element, the Department of State previously has required photographs from a passport applicant which depict the sex of the applicant as indicated on the citizenship evidence unless the applicant is a postoperative transsexual or a preoperative transsexual who can be documented as in the final stages of treatment prior to surgery en route to that surgery.

However, in addition to your letter, the Department is receiving an increasing number of inquiries regarding this particular issue. The concerns expressed by you and others who have contacted us reinforce the belief that, in light of today's society, it would be difficult for the Department to define exactly what would constitute a "male" or "female" in regards to appearance. Therefore, while the Boston Passport Agency gave you the correct information as to photograph requirements for passport applicants as they existing (sic) at that time, the Department has decided to change its policy concerning this issue.

The Boston Passport Agency has been advised that you may submit with your new passport application the photographs which were previously rejected. You should also submit acceptable evidence of U.S. citizenship, an identification document which corresponds with your photographs as a good likeness of you at this time, and the passport fee.

You are strongly advised that possession of a passport which contains a photograph depicting the bearer in a manner inconsistent with the sex entry listed in the passport may subject the bearer to delays and inconveniences not normally encountered by other travelers, including possible denial of visas and entrance into certain countries. Should you encounter these types of difficulties while traveling, you should be aware that there may be little the Department can do to assist you.

I regret the inconvenience encountered by you in this matter.

Sincerely,

William B. Wharton, Director
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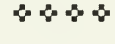

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY

This conference is for attorneys and other legal professionals; for employment personnel and other human resources professionals; and for members of the transgender community, all of whom have an interest in the current status of and in strategies for progressive changes in either the law and/or employment policy as they pertain to the transgendered community.

The Conference will be held from Wednesday, August 26 through Sunday, August 30, 1992 at the Hilton Southwest, 6780 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas. It is sponsored by the Gulf Coast Transgender Community in affiliation with the Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater Houston, Inc., the Association of Women in Law Student Legal Society at University of Houston, and Mandamus Student Legal Society at University of Houston.

For registration forms or more information, contact:

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NEA SEEKING RECOVERY OF DANCE GROUP'S GRANT

The National Endowment for the Arts said that it would act to get back some of a $4400 grant to Movement Research, a dance and performance service in New York City. The agency says that a performance journal that was produced with part of the grant money does not comply with the terms of the grant.

The journal in question contains semi-nude and nude photos and essays that look into the restrictions on artistic expression that result from the imposition of strict gender identities. In a November letter to Movement Research, NEA Chairman John Frohnmayer said, "Most of the articles and photographs concerned the social and sexual experiences of transvestites, transsexuals and individuals of confused or multiple genders." The letter went on to point out that the journal did not serve the purpose of the grant. The purpose of the grant was for Movement Research to give information and services that could be specifically used for the dance field.

NEA also objected to some provocative images in a full-page ad, including a woman's vagina along with text objecting to the Supreme Court's decision to deny funds to clinics offering abortion counseling. In the piece, Movement Research urged readers to contact two congressmen. NEA says that is lobbying, something expressly forbidden in the grant. Cathy Edwards from MR said that the ad was conceptual art making a pun with vaginal lips and George Bush's "read my lips" remark.

Edwards suggested that NEA needed someone to sacrifice in response to pressure from Capitol Hill. Jesse Helms (R-NC) had singled this journal out on the floor of the Senate claiming that it was still receiving NEA funding. However, Josh Dare of NEA pointed out that NEA had started trying to recover the money in August, long before Helms had complained.

NEA set a deadline of November 26 for return of the fraction of money used to publish the journal. Movement Research had failed to return the money by that date, and Cathy Edwards said they had no plans to return it. NEA said it would probably not file suit, but would pursue other actions to recover the money.

3 TRANSGENDERED PERSONS MURDERED IN ATLANTA

The murder of three transgendered persons in Atlanta in one month is a matter of grave concern. Whether or not the killings are related, they must be stopped. We hope and trust that law enforcement officials will take immediate action to find the perpetrator(s) and put a stop to these tragic deaths. We urge Mayor Maynard Jackson to make a public statement deploring the slayings and promising prompt action by the police.

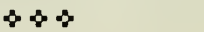
Atlanta is not the only city where transgendered persons have been killed in number -- nor were these the first murders in Atlanta. The sad fact is that murders of transgendered persons -- crossdressers and transsexual people -- are all too common. And there will be more unless our society learns that transgendered persons are people, too. One need only substitute words for other members of society for "transsexual" or "crossdresser" to see just how our society devalues transgendered persons: Three Children Murdered in Inner City! Another Dentist Found Dead on Interstate! Would the police take immediate action if those were the headlines? Of course.

The horrible fact is that because of one or more unknown parties, three human beings n Atlanta are no longer alive.

Transsexual people are particularly vulnerable to hate crimes. Due to their often ambiguous appearance, which is attributable to their transition process, many present easy targets for ridicule or abuse. It is difficult for them to change their victim profile, for their body habitus is often at odds with their gender identity and their social role. Unlike the case of other sexual and gender minorities, transsexualism provides visual stigma which pervade every waking moment, even when the individual is trying to blend in.

We must increase vigilance on the part of our community. Transgendered persons must learn to look out for themselves. But, we must also press law enforcement officials to protect the rights of transgendered persons and to speak out against hate crimes to all sexual and gender minorities.

Please express your concern about the Atlanta murders by writing Mayor Maynard Jackson, City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Atlanta GA 30335-0300.



IFGE APPEARS AT THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The International Foundation for Gender Education had a display booth at the 145th annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. Personnel from IFGE were at the booth throughout the six-day convention in Washington, DC this May. Information packets, while they lasted, were given out to well over two thousand members of the APA, their guests, business and mental health services from all over the United States and from around the world.

This was the first time any group from the gender community has been at the APA convention. IFGE was invited to attend the meeting in response to efforts by crossgendered professionals. The booth was manned by two or more of a capable and competent crew of IFGE representatives: Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director; Yvonne Cook, Director of Operations; Sheila Kirk, Director of Medical Research; Laura Caldwell, Trustee of the Winslow Street Fund; Nancy Cole, Vice Chairperson, IFGE Board of Directors; JoAnn Roberts, Chair, Publications Committee, IFGE Board; and Alison Laing, Chair, Congress of Representatives.

The able staff spoke virtually nonstop with convention attendees from Russia, Hungary, China, Iran, Turkey, and other countries as well as from many of the fifty states. The questions asked were probing, insightful, and thoughtful as well as open and curious. Many different people said words to the effect that it was about time some gender community group was at the convention. Others expressed their gratitude at finally learning that an organization like IFGE existed. In the afternoon of the fourth day, the staff gave away its last information packet and was reduced to handing out single sheets of whatever was left, and taking names and addresses and promising to send material when back in Waltham.

A measure of the group's impact is that IFGE was one of only two exhibitors mentioned by name in the write-up on the convention in the Washington Post. Internally, the evidence of the organization's fame was obvious the second day of the convention when the booth was flooded by returning attendees who had thought of more questions since their first visit, and by newcomers who had heard of the display by word-of-mouth.

IFGE personnel said that although this was the first such involvement in a professional convention, it will certainly not be the last. They feel it is a valuable and effective forum to introduce helping professionals to the realities and tools for working with members of the gender community.

CROSSDRESSER FILM PROJECT ANNOUNCED

A filmmaker in Los Angeles, CA has a low-budget film project ready for production. The Feature Film Project is based on LYDIA'S TV FASHIONS, an actual crossdresser's clothing store in Southern California. He is currently in preproduction. THIS CAN'T BE A MACY'S is a unique comedy of worldwide appeal that is not only supportive of crossdressers, but also depicts the American Dream " . . . to be a success and own your own business." For more information regarding the project, contact Bill Moser at

Blue Water Productions,
13516 Haynes Street, Van Nuys CA 91401
(818) 902-9621

JENNY SAND OF NORWAY IS WORKING TOWARDS HAVING A PANEUROPEAN GENDER COMMUNITY EVENT

We recently received the following letter from Jenny Sand.

Dear Friends,

Let me present to you an idea I've had for over a year, now. **I think it's about time we get our own large annual get-together here in Europe.** When I say large, I am fully aware it must grow over a few initial years. Rome was not built in one day.

My inspiration comes to a large extent from my participation in the Fantasia Fair in the USA two years in a row. Being the oldest (seventeen consecutive years) event for gender conflicted people, their partners, and supportive professionals, the Fair gathers between 150 and 200 people. It didn't start out that big. But, since the need was there, it grew, and today, another 5-6 larger events are held in other parts of the US. I was not the only European participant. This year there were six of us from Norway, Switzerland, and the UK.

Since my first Fair in 1990, I have thought, "We need something like this in our part of the world, too!" I say "something like this" with a purpose. I don't believe in unreflected copying. We have our own experiences to draw from here in the Old World. Our culture is old, rich, and diversified. I would like to see that reflected in the programs offered to participants, as well as in the activities "for pleasure only."

I do believe, though, the basic formula developed at Fantasia Fair holds true also for this project. **The key factor is programming. without a tempting broad menu of programs addressing different issues and different segments of our wide community, the event cannot survive.** People will not spend hard earned money or precious vacation days on it.

Ideally, the event should offer something to everybody, TV, TS, partner, experienced, or just "out of the closet." These programs could be seminars, workshops or groups discussions, short sessions, or continuous over several days. The idea is to offer alternatives, the participants can pick according to their own interests. The event must also offer amusement, relaxation, fun. It can partly be the participants' own production, partly planned in advance.

The purpose of the event is to give participants a unique possibility to learn from others, to challenge their own fears, to develop practical skills, to explore their own inner feelings, and all this in an open and supportive situation.

Not only will the individuals benefit from this, the many groups around Europe will grow stronger, as well. It is a definite experience from the USA that large educational events like this **bring out the future leaders of our community.** We certainly need good leaders, and we need to work together in Europe on important issues. Just to mention one specific issue, we must keep a critical eye on changing laws affecting gender conflicted people, laws that will eventually be binding for all national states. The organizational pattern in Europe today for T-people (TV, TS, TG, . . .) is very uneven. Some countries have old, big, and well managed organizations. Others have smaller local groups. Other countries have virtually nothing. A very important side-effect of a larger European event is to inspire individual contacts to start their own groups in areas where nothing exists. that is one of the more important reasons why existing organizations should sponsor an event like this. Everyone will benefit from a larger active community of groups and individuals.

This brings me to another important thing. Personally, I will not accept this visionary project to be monopolized or directed by any single organization, however big or well-meaning. This needs to be a truly joint effort. I have much more belief in a hand-picked, head-hunted group of dedicated people getting together to float this boat, than in a strict committee of representatives. The backing of existing organizations is very, very important, too. I would like to see people volunteer to take part in this project. But, I also hope that those of you who are active leaders today will help me to find the right individuals who believe all this can be done, and want to take part in the process.

To find the right people it is crucial to lift this paper to reality. Don't be too modest about your own abilities. Think how much fun it will be to invite people to the first All-European event, and to help make it happen. this will be a group effort. Different skills and abilities are needed: talking, writing, planning, financing, advertising, and much more. We will work together for the common good. Please discuss this project with others, and give me some response as soon as possible by answering the enclosed questionnaire. Your answers will help me to decide how best to proceed.

Before ending, I'd like to comment on three of the thousand-and-one questions that need to be answered. First, about the time perspective. My thought so far is for a minimum five-day event at the end of the summer vacation period. If program-

ming and attendance allow, it should ideally be a week-long event. I would love to see this happen in August-September 1992! This might not be possible, which means it will be 1993, instead. But, let's give it a try for '92!

Secondly, location. After the two key factors mentioned earlier, I put "the right place" as number three. **With the right location, people will love to come, and they will want to come back year after year.** This is the Fantasia Fair experience. I tried to pinpoint four reasons for Provincetown being such a successful choice for the Fair. 1) It's a beautiful place people would love to vacation in anyway. 2)It's a smaller, friendlier and more relaxed place than the busy cities where many live. 3) It is a non-judgmental community with many lifestyles already represented. (In P'town's case, there is a large gay population.) 4) The accommodation in several smaller guest houses helps to create "families" within the whole group of participants. The experienced can help the newcomers, and no one is left out.

I have just started to look for a place in Denmark that might be similar in some respects, and therefore suitable. I will not take up space here going into details, and there might be better alternatives other places in Europe. Please tell me if you know of a good location.

The third issue I would like to consider is the language problem. This must be dealt with, and I think there are manu ways to do it. When accommodation is set up, the "houses" could be national houses. Of course, there should be freedom to pick anyone you like, but for those not so fluent in English (the main language of the event), this could be a great help. Key speeches and the most important material should be translated into several languages and be available as hand-outs.

I'll end here asking your response to the following questions, or any other comment you think useful or necessary.

1) What do you think of the general idea of an All-European event? What are the strong and week points?

2) Do you have a name for the event?

3) Do you have any idea about attendance from your area? Would you come yourself?

4) Do you have any suggestions on programs that should be arranged, or issues that should be addressed?

5) Do you know a place that could be "the right location"? If so, where, and what is significant about that place?

6) When do you think is the right time of year for an event like this? Why?

7) Are you interested in getting involved in this project? If so, how much and what would you like to take part in?

8) Do you know anyone else that ought to be contacted, or involved?

Jenny Sand
Altonagaten 10
N-4300 Sandnes
NORWAY

AN UPDATE FROM THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH AND LIAISON

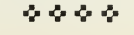
The Teenage Crossdresser Study began in October 1989, and prospered wonderfully until the Spring of 1991 when any other commitments and projects forced a slowing of my enthusiasm and involvement with it.

Now that many of those "distractions" have been dealt with and I can devote time once again to this effort, I ask once again to be remembered in this work. I am very anxious to continue making contact with male youths, age 12 to 19 years who crossdress and who are willing to participate in this study and have the knowledge of their parents and/or a therapist in that participation. Not only so I want still to ask information of them by questionnaire, but I want to be in contact with them by letter or phone if they desire, for advice or information or just conversation. To be able to exchange with each individual is one of my goals. The questionnaires are important, but more personal contact can be noteworthy to my assessment of each person.

Please keep this project in mind and please remember my interest in this area of transgender care.

With much gratitude,

Sheila Kirk, MD
Robert M. Priore, MD



GENESIS: THE NORTH TEXAS GENDER CLINIC

Danielle Wedgeworth, Director, North Texas Gender Project

At the beginning of the year, Dallas became the home of the nation's newest gender clinic. The need for such a clinic in Dallas has been present for some time. Thanks to the dedication of Dr. Carolyn Long and Dr. Burt Pouris along with our newest staff member, Dr. Robert Antonetti, and the help of several individuals in the gender community, January saw the opening of the clinic to assist anyone with a gender dysphoria problem. The approach will primarily be medical and psychological. The clinic will offer a full range of services and technical assistance to aid in gender transformation. Our overall goal is to make whatever transition is needed for a happy, productive lifestyle as easy and as economical as possible.

The reason our focus is on the medical/psychological aspects of gender dysphoria is important. We want to achieve a community standing in Dallas and in the nation that will enable us to enlighten the general public about gender issues. This will make if easier for our patients to receive insurance support and community understanding about their plight. Although research and public awareness will be an important part of our effort, we feel it is also important to provide peripheral services, support, and referrals for all people regardless of where they may be along the path of transition. Many of these services may already be in place as part of an existing organization. Our goal is not to re-invent the wheel, but to provide infrastructure that makes these services known and available to anyone who may need them. In addition to what is now available, the clinic will have a staff that is made up of professionals from all areas typically needed by people in transition. By having people and information in one place, a much simpler transition will be possible. A lot goes into making a gender transition. From counseling and speech work to the many surgeries that may be necessary, the road tends to be long and arduous. As of January 1992, that road has become smoother with fewer detours.

There are numerous tasks to be completed in order to accomplish our goal. The most important need is for support from the gender community. We want to concentrate our efforts on the community's needs. Let us know what you need: information on the effects of hormones, support from a friend, information on insurance, or associated problems with any gender issues.

We also need volunteers to answer phones, input data, do word processing, etc. Please help us by pooling your talents and abilities. Please commit to writing what human resources you are willing and able to volunteer and send it to:

Danielle Wedgeworth
P O Box 1195
Cedar Hill TX 75104

We are also in need of: computer and printer, pole lamps, filing cabinets, large mirrors, book shelves, seating, copies of any resource you may enjoy using for peripheral needs, and copies of information that can be included in our central files. Together we can make tomorrow better. We eagerly await your suggestions and creative contributions.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT FOR HIV RISK PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR TV/TS PEOPLE

The University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality has received $69,976 from the American Foundation for AIDS Research to fund a HIV risk prevention program for transvestites and transsexuals in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

The prevention program, thought to be the first of its type in the nation, will be funded from June 1, 1992 until May 31, 1993. Community representatives will be used to assist in the recruiting of approximately 150 program participants as well as to tailor intervention and evaluation strategies to the specific needs of the transvestite and transsexual populations.

"In our clinical work with this population, we have encountered substantial evidence of both knowledge deficits as well as attitudinal barriers to HIV prevention, yet we know of no specific prevention programs aimed at either group," said Eli Coleman, director of the university's Program in Human Sexuality, and an associate professor of family practice and community health. "We intend to develop, implement, and evaluate a model educational program in the Twin Cities area that can be replicated in other parts of the country."

In addition to providing information, the program's leaders will work with the participants to facilitate an exploration of sexual attitudes and values, as well as offer opportunities to rehearse preventive skills such as sexual negotiation and condom use. Findings of the program will be disseminated to both the scientific and general publics and a program will be developed for use by other human sexuality professionals.

For more information on the program, contact;
Gail Stalpes at (612) 625-1500.

IFGE RECEIVES GRACIOUS LETTER OF THANKS FROM AIDS FOUNDATION OF HOUSTON FOR DONATION MADE DURING CONVENTION

Dear Friends of AIDS Foundation of Houston:

On behalf of the clients, volunteers, board members, and staff of AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc., thank you for your donation of $745.

The work that AFH does to assist People Living With AIDS (PLWAs) would not be possible without the generosity of people like yourself. No other local organization, public or private, serves the unique needs of this community as fully or comprehensively as do the staff and volunteers of AFH.

Our optimism that we could win the battle in a few years has been diminished by the diagnosis of new cases each day, the continued growth of our client caseload, and increased requests for educational programs. Obviously, to meet the needs of this burgeoning population, we must constantly revise our programs and services. Thanks to your commitment and generosity we are able to successfully face this challenge and reach people in the Houston community who would otherwise face the devastating effects of this disease without financial and emotional support.

HIV disease does not discriminate: it now affects men, women, and children of all ages and nationalities. However, as long as there are people like you, from every part of the community, committed to end this epidemic, we can face the challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you again for caring and for taking the time to think of those who so desperately need your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jean Bennett, Executive Director

CATHERINE F. RIVERS DIES

Catherine F. Rivers, President of Transupport since 1990 died suddenly at her home in Augusta, Maine on May 10, 1992. A great deal of Cathy's time was spent coordinationg and reorganizing, and ultimately saving a failing Transupport. Becoming President, Cathy made this a stronger, more positive support group which led to more individual participation. She also edited the group's newsletter, Trans-Talk. In addition, she devoted a substantial amount of personal time advising and counseling one-on-one. Because of this she was a valued member of the community. She will be missed by all.

The members of Transupport send their prayers to her family in their time of loss.

From a dear friend who will miss her greatly,

Emily Goodwin

WINSLOW STREET FUND AWARDS FIRST GRANTS

A long-held dream of the founders of the International Foundation for Gender Education was to be able to provide grants to projects that benefitted the crossdressing and transsexual community. That dream finally came true on Friday, April 10, 1992.

More than 100 members of the CD/TS community gathered for a luncheon at the Southwest Hilton in Houston to hear Laura Smiley, chairperson of the Winslow Street Fund Trustees, present five grants totaling $1500. The five grants were: **$500 to GCTC and Phyllis Frye, JD** to support the First Annual Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy; **$300 to IFGE** to upgrade accounting, record keeping, and fund raising software; **$300 to J2CP** to support their Genderline computer bulletin board; **$200 to Sheila Kirk, MD** to support her teenage research project, and **$200 to Dr. Richard F. Docter** to support his gender research project.

The awarding of these grants is a landmark in the history of the CD/TS community, for this is the first time grants of this sort have been made by a CD/TS organization.

The Winslow Street Fund was created by the International Foundation for Gender Education, a tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), to be a permanent endowment fund. The Fund was conceived by a dedicated group of community leaders who met in October, 1990, at the Chicago House on Winslow Street in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Laura Smiley stated, "The beauty of this fund is that it is a living fund. Since only income earned by the fund is used for grants, donations will benefit the CD/TS community forever. The fund will only get larger, and as it grows, the grants we provide will increase."

The Winslow Street Fund is a permanent endowment fund of IFGE governed by an independent Board of Trustees, which was approved by the IFGE Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Trustees are: Laura Smiley, JD; Laura Cauldwell, PhD; Abby Saypen; Wilma Young; and Michelle Miles. Contributions to the fund are tax deductible. The fund can accept gifts and donations of cash, property, stocks, bonds, life insurance policies, etc. Donations may be made currently or through a will, or through the creation of a trust, or other estate planning document.

Naomi Owen recieves her award presented by it's namesake, Virginia Prince

NAOMI OWEN HONORED

On Saturday evening, April 11, 1992, more than 200 people gathered in the Northwest Hilton Hotel in Houston to pay special tribute to Naomi Owen of Chicago. On that evening Naomi became the sixth recipient of the Dr. Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award, thereby joining a very select group of the crossdressing and transsexual communities' greatest leaders and pioneers. She joined Virginia Prince, founder of FPE and Transvestia Publications; Merissa Sherrill Lynn, founder of the Tiffany Club, IFGE, Tapestry Publications, and the Coming Together convention; Ariadne Kane, founder of the Outreach Institute and Fantasia Fair; Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSE, founder of J2CP and the ACLU-TRC; and Betty Ann Lind, founder of many organizations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

The Virginia Prince award is the highest award given by the crossdressing and transsexual communities to a member of either of those communities. The award is to honor those communities' leaders, founders, and pioneers . . . the ones who "fought the battles and led the troops," and provided the effort as well as the inspiration over a period of ten years or more.

Naomi received her award on the basis of her long service dating back to 1980, and her countless contributions. To name a few, she was a founder and director of the extremely successful Be All You Want to Be conference, eight years president of the Chi Chapter (Tri-Ess's largest and most successful chapter), director of two of the largest and most successful Holiday En Femme conferences ever, member of the IFGE Board of Directors (six years), author of the IFGE Constitution, member of the Outreach Institute Board of Directors, member of the Tri-Ess Board of Directors, and a public speaker with over 300 public appearances.

1992 TRINITY AWARDS PRESENTED

On Wednesday evening, April 8, 1992, more than 150 members of the crossdressing and transsexual communities and their friends gathered in the Northwest Hilton Hotel in Houston to pay special tribute to five extraordinary people and one extraordinary event. The tribute was the second annual presentation of the Trinity Awards, and the six recipients were Dr. Richard F. Docter of Los Angeles, California; Ms. Wendi Danielle Pierce of Scottsdale, Arizona; Ms. Janice Van Cleve of Seattle, Washington; Ms. Jennifer Richards of St. Louis, Missouri; Ms. Eve Burchert of Barrington, Illinois; and the "Be All You Want to Be" conference co-sponsored by the Chi Chapter of Chicago, Crossroads of Detroit, Paradise of Cleveland, and TransPitt of Pittsburgh.

The Trinity Award is a beautiful ten-inch satin steel statuette of the IFGE's Hands and Rose logo. The Trinity is the crossdressing and transsexual communities' Nobel Prize, to acknowledge and honor outstanding achievements, contributions, and acts of love and courage. The greatest emphasis is on acts of love and courage that have made our world a better place in which to live.

The award recipiants pause a moment for the cameras during the award cermony at the Coming Together-Working Together Convention in Houston, Texas.

Eve received her award on the basis of the work, leadership, and loving support she has given since she first came out in 1964. She also received it on the basis of the more than 300 lectures she has given, mostly at her own expense, motivated by no other reason than a desire to help people learn and understand. **Richard** received his award for his constant demonstration of loving support and desire to educate that goes far beyond what is expected of him as a researcher. **Wendi** received her award because of her intense desire to help people, and to put her considerable talents to use wherever they were most needed. **Janice** received her award for her on-going contributions to the CD/TS communities in the Northwest. She also received it because of the courage she demonstrated in taking on a bigoted local establishment and the city of Seattle, which resulted in changing discriminatory laws, and her courage for paving the way for the "Esprit" conference in the very conservative logging community of Port Angeles. **Jennifer** received her award on the basis of her contributions to the NWGA, Dream, SLGF, MAGGIE, and the Fall Harvest Festival over a period of more than ten years. What made her contributions most extraordinary was they were motivated by nothing more than a sense of caring for others, and they were done in spite of a debilitating illness. The **Be All** received its award not only because it is arguably the most successful event in the history of the CD/TS communities, but because it has consistently demonstrated that different organizations could in fact work together for mutual benefit, and it unselfishly offered members of its steering committee as resource people to help other organizations plan and coordinate their own events. Be All is an extraordinary example of cooperative action among groups within a region, and regional assistance to other regions.

IFGE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE 1992 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

Since the beginning of the year, the Fund Raising Committee has met once in Waltham, and three times during the Coming Together - Working Together Convention in Houston. Our goal is to raise $50,000 for the General Fund and $40,000 for the Winslow Street Fund in 1992.

Through March 31, you have contributed a total of $7,307, with $5,402 going to the General Fund, $305 to the Winslow Street Fund, and $1,600 to Research and Education (our participation in the American Psychiatric Association Convention). We are behind budget with respect to our needs and goals for donations to both the General Fund and The Winslow Street Fund, therefore it is imperative that our community respond to our appeal for donations. Your response is critical to the lifeblood and success of our community.

We must raise a minimum of $35,000 in contributions in order to meet budget, and that budget does not include adequate salaries for the staff. In addition, in order to meet the ever-increasing needs and demands of our community, IFGE must add an additional staff person before 1993. As soon as we raise $50,000 in contributions, we will be able to add that staff person and go to publishing four Tapestries per year. This will increase our operating revenues.

This year there will be two major fund raising efforts with our community, one in late August or early September, and the other at the end of the year. We are asking each of you to pledge to give to IFGE and to the Winslow Street Fund on a monthly or an annual basis.

Chris Howey and Laura Cauldwell are putting the finishing touches on a redesigned marketing and fund raising brochure that will be extremely professional and, hopefully, very effective. In addition, Laura Cauldwell and Wilma Young are coordinating our fund raising efforts with grant-giving foundations and corporations. Based on our experience from last year, we have narrowed the focus and are targeting two foundations that have a history of giving to organizations promoting social change, one of which has given a substantial amount of money to the gay and lesbian communities.

Currently, the Winslow Street Fund has a principal balance of approximately $41,000. At the 1992 Convention, the Trustees announced the first grants. Grants are made from income only, with the principal being retained and invested to produce more income. Thus, donations to the Winslow Street Fund benefit our community forever. With just a little over $2,000 of income in 1991, the Trustees awarded five grants totaling $1,500. The balance was reinvested as principal as the Trustees are committed to apply a portion of the annual income to principal in an amount at least equal to inflation in order to offset the effects of inflation.

The five grants were: $500 to the First Annual Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy; $300 to the Sisters of St. Elizabeth to help with the purchase of a computer scanner for the Genderline bulletin board; $300 to IFGE to assist in the purchase of fund raising, accounting and record keeping software; $200 to Dr. Sheila Kirk to assist in the Teenage Crossdressing Research Project; and $200 to Dr. Richard F. Docter to assist in his current research study of our community.

The Winslow Street Fund is to provide for and serve the entire community. Look at what we are able to accomplish with just $40,000 of principal and $2,000 of income. Think of the possibilities if our Winslow Street Fund had a principal balance of $100,000, or $250,000 or $500,000. The possibilities are as endless as the imagination.

Your Fund Raising Committee continues to work hard for you. We pledge ourselves to keep you informed, not only of IFGE's and our community's need for funds, but more importantly, to report to you on what we are doing with the money we raise. We continue to need your help, and appreciate your generous response to our requests.

Respectfully submitted,

IFGE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Laura Smiley, Chair
Laura Cauldwell
Abby Saypen
Michelle Miles
Wilma Young
Sharon Ann Stuart
Ginny Knuth
Chris Howey

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS 1992-1993

If you have an event of Regional, National, or International interest, please send your information to:

IFGE Calendar, P O Box 367
Wayland MA 01778

JANUARY, 1993

TBA, 11th Annual Winter Get Away Weekend and Awards Banquet, Natick MA
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888, 508-358-2305

FEBRUARY, 1993

TBA, 5th Annual TEXAS T PARTY, San Antonio,TX
Texas T Party, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163 512-438-7604 (before 9:00pm CT)

MARCH, 1993

14-21, 7th Annual Coming Together Convention, Philadelphia PA
IFGE, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778

TBA, LAMBDA BALL, Pittsburgh PA
Transpitt, Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230

TBA, 6th Annual Night of 1000 Gowns, New York City
Imperial Court of New York, c/o Ben Freeman, 200 East 16th Street, Suite 2M, New York NY 10003, 212-673-7633

APRIL, 1993

TBA, 3rd Annual California Dreamin', Los Angeles CA
PPOC, P O Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92812, 714-779-9013

TBA, Poconos Fantasy Festival, Poconos PA
Fem Fashions, 9W 31st Street, #7R, New York NY 10001 212-629-5750

MAY, 1993

TBA, Esprit 93, Port Angeles WA
Esprit 92, P O Box 55874, Seattle WA 98115

TBA, Paradise in the Poconos, Poconos PA
Creative Design Services, Box 1263, King of Prussia PA 19406 215-640-9449

TBA, 13th Annual Tiffany Provincetown Outing, Provincetown MA
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888 508-358-2305

JUNE, 1992

10-14, 10th Annual Be All You Want To Be, Detroit MI
Be All Weekend, P O Box 651, Whitemore Lake MI 48189, Cindy 313-449-8194, Joanne 313-385-5970

12-14, Pajaro Dunes Weekend XXVIII, NV
Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541 (408)723-2579

JULY, 1992

31-August 3, Dignity Cruise III, Sailing from Miami to Nassau and Coco Bay, Bahamas
(Sponsored by PM Publishers) Cruise Ahoy, Anne McLaughlin, President, 11211 Katy Freeway, #300, Houston TX 77079, 713-556-1513

AUGUST, 1992

26-30, First International Conference on Trnsgender Law and Employment Policy
(Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Transgender Community) GCTC, P O Box 90335, Houston TX 77090

14-31, High Sierra Femme Fling V
Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541 (408)723-2579

SEPTEMBER, 1992

6-13, The Dignity Cruise II (Alaska) Sailing from Vancouver, Canada
(Sponsored by PM Publishers) Cruise Ahoy, Anne McLaughlin, President, 11211 Katy Freeway, #300, Houston TX 77079, 713-556-1513

10-13, 2nd Annual National New Woman's Conference (Massachusetts)
New Woman, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778, 617-894-8340

10-13, Poconos Fantasy Festival, Poconos PA
Fem Fashions, 9W 31st Street, #7R, New York NY 10001 212-629-5750

11-13, Beaumont Trust, Secind International Gender Dysphoria Conference, University of Manchester
The Beaumont Trust, BM Charity, London WC13XX ENGLAND

17-20, Paradise in the Poconos PA
Creative Design Services, P O Box 1263, King of Prussia PA 19406

OCTOBER, 1992

1-4, Second Annual Southern Comfort, Atlanta GA
Southern Comfort, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033

16-25, 18th Annual Fantasia Fair, Provincetown MA
Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106

30-November 1, Fifth Annual Harmony Weekend, Scarborough
Martine Rose, P O Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND

NOVEMBER, 1992

11-15, Holiday Enfemme 92, Atlanta GA
Linda Peacock, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241

19-22, Third Annual Fall Harvest Weekend
MAGGIE, St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

PUERTO RICO

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUERTO RICO SISTERS: Foundation for the Advencement of Puerto Rico Sisters, Calle 2 #288, Forest Hills, Bayamon PR 00959.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets on the third Friday of each month at 6:00pm. Meeting consists of one hour topic discussion and group public activity.

Security: Write for member application and information.

MASSACHUSETTS

SUNSHINE CLUB: Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035.

Nature: Non-sexual, non-profit social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings at a church in the Pioneer Valley area. Monthly newsletter.

Security: Discretion and toleration expected. Write for information.

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

AXA: AXA, c/o Zoë Durga, P O Box 1331, W. Concord MA 01742.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists.

Services: Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass. Contact for location. No dues or fees.

Security: Telephone or personal interview required.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION: I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778, (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

Nature: I.F.G.E. is a non-profit educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community.

Services: I.F.G.E. publishes the TV-TS Tapestry Journal and other publications relevant to the TV/TS theme. We sponsor an annual international convention. We serve as an international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, and a safe, friendly "drop-in center" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERCICES.*

IFGE CONGRESS OF REPRESENTATIVES: Congress of Representatives, P.O. Box 367, Wayland MA 01778 (617) 894-8340

Nature: The Congress of Representatives is a group of individuals selected by independent non-profit organizations, services, and chapters to represent the special interests of their organizations. Also, the representatives serve as the communications conduit between their organizations, the IFGE national headquarters, the IFGE Board of Directors, the IFGE national committees, and other organizations.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Nature: Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience, emphasis on feminised males.

Services: Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking.

Security: Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.: TCNE, Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888. (508) 358-2305.

Nature: Tiffany is a non-profit social and educational organization for crossdressers of all kinds desiring to explore and develop their total personality for the attainment of a peace of mind not otherwise possible. Tiffany provides support programs for the individual member, for their family, and for friends.

Services: Tiffany services and activities include publishing the Rosebuds newsletter, operating a safehouse, and organizing "get-togethers," workshops, seminars, and beauty courses. Tiffany sponsors a formal Wives and Significant Others support group, a TS support group, parties, nights on the town, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings.

Security: Tiffany welcomes responsible persons who will exercise good manners and use common sense. Attendees must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's

Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP: WSG, c/o TCNE, Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888, (508) 358-2305. Toini McDonald, Director

Nature: Affiliated with the Tiffany Club. For those in a committed relationship with members in good standing at the Tiffany Club.

Services: Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, outings, and other events.

Security: See 'Tiffany Club.'

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION for GENDER ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES (NOGAL)

Nature: Support for all parts of the gender community. Group just forming, with thoughts of providing advocacy and social support, employment referral, crisis hotline, legal/medical referral . . .

Services: Meets on the third Sunday of each month at the Gay and Lesbian Center in Boston, 338 Newbury Street, at 4:00 pm. 617-247-2927 or 617-323-8856.

PINK FLAMINGOES: c/o the Gay and Lesbian Center, 338 Newury St., Boston MA (617) 536-5639.

Nature: Support and referral group for crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals.

Services: Meets every Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the Gay and Lesbian Center, 338 Newbury Street, Boston MA.

Screening: None.

THESEUS COUNSELING SERCICES: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

THE ADAM SOCIETY: The Adam Society, c/o Dan Riley, 6 Cushing St., 2nd Fl., Waltham MA 02154

Nature: A non-profit support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings. Publishes Adam's Word.

Security: Inquire.

EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP: ECFTMG, P O Box 38-3303, Cambridge MA 02238. Bet Power (413) 584-7616, Lonnie (617) 926-7691.

Nature: Support network for Female-to-Male Transvestites, Transgenderists, transsexuals, and their partners. Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs.

Services: Meetings are every other month on Sunday at 2 pm. Locations and dates announced in newsletter, Gender In Formation.

Security: Call Bet or Lonnie before attending a meeting. Send SASE for copy of newsletter.

DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D., See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

INNVESTMENTS: Innvestments, P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others on Cape Cod and SE MA.

Services: social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.eet first Monday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place.

Security: Inquire.

RHODE ISLAND

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D., See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERCICES.*

MAINE

TRANSSUPPORT: TransSupport, Box 17622, Portland ME 04101.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their families, and friends.

Services: Monthly meetings. Inquire for time and place. Publishes Trans-Talk newsletter.

Security: Inquire

HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka Outreach Institute: HOAC, 405 Western avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106. Ariadne Kane, Director, 207-775-0858.

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit educational corporation. Outreach works primarily with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance and Counselling, Therapy, Medicine, Law and Law Enforcement, Nursing, and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include the Gender Awareness and Involvement Network (GAIN); New Visions of Gender Conferences for health care professionals; Fantasia Fair, a live-in exploration of alternative lifestyle roles; Hopeful Seminars for couples to work together; and a Speakers' Bureau.

Publications: Quarterly Journal of Gender Studies for professionals, quarterly Our Sorority about contact groups and their programs. Information packets and an annotated book catalogue are also available.

Security: Outreach Institute's programs are sophisticated and strictly non-sexual. All participants in any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

VERMONT

CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY: COS, P.O. Box 163, Farmington CT 06034

Nature: Non-profit and non-sexual but respectful of its members' sexual preferences. Its objectives are to promote and propagate the friendship of the TV/TS community through education, support, and understanding of its members and their families.

Service: Prompt response to all communications, informative monthly newsletter Connecticut View, Wives Support Group, rap sessions, parties at various locations. Wig, makeup, clothing, and demeanor assistance available. Costs shared by participants.

Security: None. House parties on an invitational basis, bar parties open. All members are required to be discreet and tolerant of each other. Common sense and courtesy prevail.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB: The XX Club, Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.

Nature: The XX Club is the non-profit and non-sexual transsexual peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends and relatives are welcome.

Services: A newsletter, XX, is published monthly. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off Main Street, opposite G. Fox & Company). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter.

Security: Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: P.O. Box 4002, Wallingford CT 06492 (203) 237-1968 (ask for Harriet Lane or Joanie Lassin).

Nature: Home parties for open-minded TVs, TGs, TSs, and their spouse or friends.

Services: Meetings 2nd & 4th Saturday each month. Membership $100.00 per year. Key members $250.00 (store clothes & have key between 9 a.m. - 11 pm). Information on TV activities. Newsletter.

Security: All members must dress at the clubhouse. Dressing room provided. Discretion required. Contact Harriet or Joanie for phone interview & personal meeting.

NEW JERSEY

F_2M: F2M, c/o S.G., P O Box 615, Tenafly, NJ 07670.

Nature: A non-profit social and support organization created by and for female-to-male transsexuals and crossdressers. "Knowledge is the key to the door of gender-reassignment. Up-to-date information is essential."

Services: Social events in the New York area, confidential contacts, a comprehensive resource directory, and a newsletter. Compiling information necessary to the F-M transition into a central database. F_2M actively solicits correspondence: questions, concerns, and all items of F-M TS information are requested.

Security: We believe that confidentiality, and often anonymity are critical issues for TSs on our mailing list. All correspondence is considered confidential.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960; 201-663-0772.

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual.

Services: Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank now handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well.

Security: Interview required.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

RENAISSANCE - SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER: Renaissance South Jersey, P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. 609 641 3782. Kelly Harris, chapter leader.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social and support organization serving the gender community.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm.

Security: Inquire.

TRANSFORMATIONS NEWSLETTER: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meets the fourth Saturday of each month.

Security: Inquire.

MONMOUTH OCEAN TRANS GENDER: MOTG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.

Nature: Open support group for all gender dysphoric persons. Affiliated with Renaissance in Pennsylvania. See their description.

NEW YORK

GENDER IDENTITY PROGRAM: Gender Identity Program, c/o Barbara Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10014, 212-969-0888 (answering service).

Nature: Support and counseling service for gender dysphoric individuals.

Services: Peer-to-peer counseling and facilitated open discussion for all transsexuals at the Lesbiasn and Gay Center.

METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK: 561 Hudson Street, Box 45, New York NY 10014. Message updates: 201-794-1665 ext. 332.

Nature: Support, advocacy, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, transvestites, transgenderists, androgynes, or whatever. Open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome.

Services: Monthly meetings on the second Sunday. Newsletter City Lights, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Membership $24/year.

Security: Confidentiality respected. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries.

METAMORPHOSIS: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS (STA): STA, c/o Barbara Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th St., New York NY 10014, answering service 212-969-0888.

Nature: A twelve-step recovery program for all gender-conflicted individuals modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous.

Services: Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays at the above address. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

Security: We use AA's tradition of anonymity.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: See *LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.*

CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL: CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

Security: Call or write for more information.

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Rapids Station, NYC NY 10163, 212-477-6588.

Nature: For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type.

Service: Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times and locations.

CHI DELTA MU OF TRI-ESS: Chi Delta Mu, P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475. Hot Line (201) 663-0772.

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self.'

Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence over five years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT: G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortume, P O Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. Hotline: 201-794-1665 ext 202.

Nature: An open social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings are held. Publishes monthly newsletter, Lipstick and Lace.

Security: Inquire.

LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION (LIFE): LIFE, c/o Vickie Stone, P O Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: Publishes the newsletter, Lifelines. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB (TGIC): TGIC, Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604, 518-436-4513 (Thursdays 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).

Nature: Non-sexual group offering support to crossdressers, transsexuals, mates, and families.

Services: Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, bimonthly newsletter, shopping guide, key club, and storage.

Security: We have a screening process to ensure the comfort and safety of all. You may feel sure of anonymity and our discretion.

TRANSGENDER NETWORK: Transgender Network, P.O. Box 177, Tillson NY 12486-0177.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, and SOs. Clergy and professionals are also welcome.

Services: Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral service.

Security: All inquiries are made through our P.O. Box. Names, addresses and phone numbers of each member are held in strict confidence. Anonymity and discretion are required to ensure privacy to all.

ANDROGENY UNLIMITED: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

EON (Expressing Our Nature): EON, 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226. (212) 629-5750

Nature: Open support group for crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals, regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. EON provides the context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: peer support meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events.

Services: EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturdays and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly. Meetings are safe and secure, providing the opportunity to explore gender identity in safety.

Security: An initial interview with a member is required for membership.

CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO: Vern, 2316 Delaware Ave. Suite-102, Buffalo NY 14216.

Nature: Non-profit support group for transsexuals and crossdressers and their partners or family.

Services: TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings. Dues: $25.00. Monthly newsletter, Crosscurrents, subscription $15.00 per year. Single copy: $1.50.

Security: New members usually must talk to a group member.

ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK: CD-Network, P.O. Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692, 716-251-2132 (24-hr. hotline and recorder).

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual support group for CDs, TSs, and their spouses. Over 50 members, mostly from upstate NY.

Services: Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Monthly newsletter CD News. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.

Security: Newsletter sent to all members who have completed membership questionnaire. Invitation to meetings extended after screening interview, or with references from a sister organization.

PENNSYLVANIA

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

TRANSPITT: TransPitt, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh, PA 15230. 412-781-0257.

Nature: TransPitt is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.

Services: Meetings the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referrals.

Security: Meeting with club officer.

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: See *RESEARCH*.

ERIE SISTERS: Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505.

Nature: Non-sexual social support group for all CDs and friends of CDs. Good manners, taste and common sense expected.

Services: Monthly meetings, newsletter. Meetings in every even numbered month are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room is provided.

Security: An interview with a club officer required before attending first meeting.

RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER: Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. 717-780-1LSV or 717-780-1578. Brenda Davidson, chapter leader.

Nature: Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

Services: Meets the first Saturday evening of each month. Call for latest information on meeting site.

Security: Inquire.

RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER: Renaissance PHL, P O Box AD, Bensalem PA 19020. 215-946-8887. Dina Amberle, Chapter Leader.

Nature: Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

Services: Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Summer meetings start at 9:00 pm. For information, call above number.

RENAISSANCE - READING: Charter has been revoked by the National Board. For information, write National Secretary Susan Crane, P O Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406.

PHILADELPHIA TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: To educate the community on TS issues and to give support needed in this sometimes confusing period. Dues: $25.00/yr.

Services: Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals.

Security: No drugs or excess baggage.

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406. (215) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

Nature: Renaissance is a non-profit, non-sexual organization dedicated to the support and education of the transgendered community and the general population. It is an open group that accepts without judgement and helps individuals to grow at their own pace.

Services: For TVs and TSs. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Call the Help Line 24 hours a day for information on the latest activities.

For professionals: Speakers' Bureau with experienced and accomplished lecturers for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help professionals and clients to understand transgender behavior.

Security: There is no screening process for prospective members. All member personal information is strictly confidential and available only to the Board of Directors.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.

DELAWARE

WASHINGTON, DC

WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE: c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724. WBA Hotline 301-277-5475.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual education and support organization for members of the TV/TS community.

Services: Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.

Security: Write or call.

MARYLAND

JANUS/DC: Janus/DC, c/o H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814.

Nature: Transsexual support. Not to be confused with the Society of Janus, a California S/M group with chapters having similar names.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

THE BRIDGE CLUB: Bridge Club, c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.

MY CHOICE: c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway #1A, Baltimore MD 21231 (410) 732-4546.

Nature: We are a non-profit support group for TVs and TSs.

Services: Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. We usually go out socializing after meetings. Shopping, make-up and coming-out help available.

Security: Interview required before attendance of meetings.

VIRGINIA

FEMINIQUE: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.

BLACK ROSE: Black Rose, P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210 (301) 369-7667.

Nature: Support group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome.

Services: Meets Tuesday nights in Washington, DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.

Security: Call or write.

DELTA CHI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (DCEA): DCEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215.

Nature: Social/support group for TVs, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Social activities, meetings once a month. Publishes The Pinnacle newsletter.

Security: Inquiry needed.

PASSING FANCY: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS*.

VIRGINIA'S SECRET: Virginia's Secret, P O Box 29142, Richmond VA 23242. (804) 741-1187.

Nature: Support group for Cross-dressers.

Services: Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter.

Security: Completed application, sponsoring interview before joining. Membership information is held in strictest confidence.

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

WEST VIRGINIA

TRANS-WV: TRANS-WV, P.O.Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.

Nature: A non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, TSs, their spouses, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. We plan to establish some form of outreach.

Security: Prospective members must meet with an officer before being told the meeting place. No member shall reveal the true name, address, phone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

NORTH CAROLINA

TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION: Triad, c/o Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427-8082.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings every other month, with occasional social events as well.

Security: No personal information will be released without a person's knowledge and consent. Inquire.

GDANC SUPPORT GROUP: GDANC, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002, (704) 982 1028.

Nature: To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need someone to talk to.

Services: Meetings on the third Saturday of every month at a private apartment.

Security: Call or write to be interviewed.

KAPPA BETA - TRI-ESS: Kappa Beta, P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220.

Nature: Social support group for male, heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.

Services: Monthly meetings August to May, usually in Charlotte. Monthly newsletter, The Pink Slip, $20.00 per year.

Security: Interview with Board member. Must be eligible to join (i.e., be a current member of Tri-Ess).

PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT: Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.

Nature: Non-profit support

group for CD/TG/TS & Androgyny. Significant others are welcome.

Services: Meet every other month. Atmosphere is casual, social, but also therapeutic. Open discussions, programs, networking, & free professional referrals.

Security: Common sense screening; meeting place is confidential; mailing list for members only. Discreet.

SOUTH CAROLINA

MID-CAROLINAS GENDER ASSOCIATION: MCGA, P O Box 3406, Rock Hill SC 29732. Sherry Lynn Capps, Director.

Nature: Open social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Serving the SC and Charlotte, NC area.

Services: Monthly meetings in Rock Hill, bi-monthly newsletter, occasional social functions and trips.

Security: Phone, mail, or personal interview, or membership in another organizaiton.

GEORGIA

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC. (The Augusta Chapter): Jerry, Lynn, or Tommie, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033 (404) 603 9426. Contact April.

Nature: TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the state of Georgia.

Services: Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Publications: MM & PI Monthly newsletter, Insight a quarterly magazine for and about TS's, among others.

Screening: Required of clients before becoming members. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE (AEGIS): AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. (404) 939-2128.

Services: Professional referrals and case management; support group, led by Dallas Denny, MA (Licensed Psychological Examiner) and Carol Miller, M Ed (Licensed Professional Counselor); speakers' bureau; publications: Chrysalis Quarterly, transition booklets, bibliography of gender dysphoria, among others. Open to all transgendered persons. Membership of $30.00 includes subscription to Chrysalis Quarterly.

Security: A screening interview is required prior to attending the support group.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 250481, Atlanta GA 30325.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings, except June and August, at established Atlanta & Chattanooga locations. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

FLORIDA

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings, except June and August, at established Atlanta & Chattanooga locations. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

GENDER INFORMATION NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE: GING, Gail Driaper, (904) 332-8178.

Nature: Non-profit social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more then their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donations to defray expenses. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville.

Security: Potential members will be personally interviewed as to their needs.

PIII EPSILON MU/ CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS: Phi Epsilon Mu, P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups.

Security: Interview required, emphasizing good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

REALITY: Reality/GLCS, P O Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. (407) 425-4527, Dori Morrison.

Nature: A support group for persons suffering from gender dysphoria and a network to professionals.

Services: Support group meets every third Saturday of the month in Orlando. Information on professionals dealing with gender dysphoric persons is provided upon request.

Security: An informal interview is required.

FANTASIA: Fantasia, c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Contact: Sabrina Marcus.

Nature: Social support group for all TVs & TSs.

Services: Group meets every Friday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding.

Security: Interview required.

SERENITY: Serenity, P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022. (305) 436-9477.

Nature: Social/support group for TVs, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at the Church of the Holy Spirit (MCC), 330 SW 27th St., Ft. Lauderdale FL. Newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

ANIMAS: Animas, P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to ecxhange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. A periodic newsletter is published. Outside consultants in fashion and image are available.

MOVING ON, REACIIING & EXPERIENCING: M.O.R.E., P.O. Box 100665, Ft. Lauderdale FL 33310-0665 contact: Josephine Williamson (305) 966-2138.

Nature: An action-based support group for the experienced male cross-dresser. MORE will provide the support, friendship and trust necessary to allow the individual to explore and find their own answers of where in the gender spectrum they want to be.

Services: Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The meeting consists of a one hour topic discussion, a brief business meeting, and a group public activity.

Security: Mailing list is confidential. Telephone contact list is open to all members. Attendance by non-member requires interview.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

STARBURST: Starburst, c/o J. L. Hores, 1801-69 Avenue S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712, (813) 866-0438, Joe, or (813) 842-3513 for TS.

Nature: Non-profit support group for transsexuals and transvestites.

Services: Meets the first and third Friday of each month in a private home.

Security: Excellent. Meetings in a private home. Screening before attending first meeting. Call or write to make an appointment.

THE SOUTHERN BELLES/TAU SIGMA BETA CHAPTER OF TRI ESS: Address invalid at this time.

Nature: Non-profit social/support group for male heterosexual crossdressers, their wives and girlfriends.

Services: Meetings 3rd Saturday of month in private homes. Monthly newsletter, with items of interest to the crossdressing community.

ALABAMA

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings, except June and August, at established Atlanta & Chattanooga locations. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

SIGMA RIIO GAMMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Ms. Michelle Steadman.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual outreach organization for support for individual heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

Services: Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter The Continuum. Subscriptions are $20/year for nonmembers.

Security: There is a mandatory orientation program. New members must be interviewed by at least two board members before they will be told when and where meetings are held.

MISSISSIPPI

BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI: Beta Chi, P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253 Hotline: (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). Lee Frances, Secretary

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA. Publishes Premiere newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

TENNESSEE

GDATN SUPPORT GROUP: GDATN, Nasville TN, c/o GDANC, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002, (704) 982 1028.

Nature: To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need someone to talk to.

Services: Meetings on the third Saturday of every month at a private apartment.

Security: Call or write to be interviewed.

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 250481, Atlanta GA 30325.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings, except June and August, at established Atlanta & Chattanooga locations. Monthly newsletter $15.00/yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

KENTUCKY

OHIO

CRYSTAL CLUB: Crystal Club, P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287 (614) 777-0648

Nature: An open support group for TV, TS, and others who crossdress with a full feminine identity. We provide a non-threatening environment for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with a meeting fee of $15.00. Peer support, newsletter. Buyers' guide in preparation. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Publishes The Crystal Chronical.

Security: Inquire. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Omega, Box 954, Elyria OH 44036

Nature: A social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

Services: Bi-monthly meetings. Publish the Alpha Omega Outreach newsletter.

Security: Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified Alpha Omega officer.

PARADISE CLUB: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Paradise has approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter, Paradise Tales, and sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, makeup advice, a show, or other event of interest.

Security: Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. We place emphasis on manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Nonmembers may attend meetings with the concurrence of an officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

CROSS-PORT: Box 12701, Cincinnati OH 45212-0701, (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.

Nature: Cross-Port is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and the female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation.

Services: Cross-Port distributes a monthly newsletter to all members.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is the rule. The mailing and membership lists are confidential. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

INDIANA

HELPLINE: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

IXE: IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220. (317) 894-8109.

Nature: A non-profit TV/TS social/support group.

Services: IXE distributes a monthly newsletter to all members. IXE has a BBS, shared on line with the Adult BBS. Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>. Dial (317) 784-6975

Security: Mailing and membership lists are confidential. No names, addresses, or phone numbers will be given out, even with the member's permission. Manners and common sense are expected of all members and their guests at all meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. We welcome all to our meetings.

MICHIGAN

CROSSROADS CHAPTER: Crossroads, P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Joanne Janiszewski, President. Phone messages: (313) 446-0782.

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship, support, and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter, Crossroads Chatter, and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. We provide referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. We also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

CROSSROADS OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN: See 'Crossroads Chapter,' previously..

NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP: N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202, (313) 842-5258. Justina Williams, President.

Nature: N.G.D.O. is a non-profit support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers.

Services: We publish The N.G.D.O. Key to Freedom. We offer referrals to compassionate, helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee.

Security: The N.G.D.O. protects the privacy of its members. You can trust us. Meetings are held at a safe location.

THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area): Theta Omega Gamma, c/o Tri-Ess, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary address)

Nature: Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CROSSDRESSERS: NAC, P O Box 497, Flint MI 48501. Grace Bacon, Director.

Nature: An organization dedicated to education and outreach.

Services: Publishes and distributes the informational pamphlet An Overview of Crossdressing, Transvestism, and Transsexualism.

I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN: I.M.E. of Western Michigan, P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501.

Nature: Social, support, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others, regardless of sexual orientation.

Services: Social outlet of the Cross Dresser. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.

Security: All member files are strictly confidential. Prospective members must sign a pledge of confidentiality.

IOWA

IOWA ARTISTRY: Iowa Artistry, Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.

Nature: Support group for TVs abd their families and gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate.

Services: Bi-monthly newsletter, rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs.

Services: Inquire.

QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION: Quad-City Society for Sexuality Education, 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802. (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

Nature: Social support group for all genderists, gays, crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meeting the first Sundat of the month at 6pm.

WISCONSIN

CHANGING MEN: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

PATHWAYS COUNSELING CENTER: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.

Nature: An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons.

Services: Newsletter, peer support, services' listings for members.

Security: Interview required, confidential membership listings used for newsletter and related organizational mailings only.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY (CLCC): CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis, MN 55416. (612) 229-3613.

Nature: Monthly meetings. The group's purpose is to provide a comfortable social setting for cross-dressers to meet like-minded folks. We are a non-sexual group when together; however, personal orientation is not considered when newcomers apply to join us.

Security: A personal interview before coming to the first party.

SCD PUBLISHING: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

NORTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA

MONTANA

ILLINOIS

CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Chi Chapter, P O Box 40, Wooddale IL 60191-0040. Hot Line: (708) 364-9514.

Nature: Chicago Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, a non-profit organization for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, newsletter, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of "Be All You Want To Be" weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

Security: Inquire.

THE SUNDAY SOCIETY: The Sunday Society, P O Box 47056, Chicago IL 60647 (312) 252-7024 Sheila L. Sampognaro or Louise L. Raeder.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual outreach and support organization.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month 6-8 p.m. Monthly newsletter Trans-World Bulletin (subs. $20.00 per year). Computer bulletin board "The Sunday Society US TOO BBS" 7 nights a week from 10:00pm to 12:00am or by request. 2400, 1200, or 300 baud, 8-N-1 color, mono, or no graphics.

Security: Telephone interview required to attend meetings.

CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657. (312) 434-5445

Nature: Non-profit social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, their significant others, and supportive friends.

Services: Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

US TOO: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION (CIGA): CIGA, P O Box 126, Washington IL 61571 Contact: JoAnn (309) 444-9918.

Nature: CIGA is a non-profit, non-sexual association emphasizing support for the male-to-female and female-to-male TV and TS and their significant others. Significant Others are encouraged to participate in our outreach program as well as monthly social events.

Services: Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday - no charge. $20 annual dues includes the monthly newsletter.

Security: All members have pledged confidentiality. Interview required.

MISSOURI

ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117 Voice mailbox: (314) 567-8615. Please leave contact information.

Nature: MAGGIE affiliate, A social support group for all CDs, TVs, and TSs. Open acceptance for friends, relatives, and professionals. Meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events.

Services: A bi-monthly newsletter, the Gateway Femmes Gazette, club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOS group meets for spouses, professionals and significant others.

KANSAS

I.F.G.E. HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT: See RESEARCH.

CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204.

Nature: Support for crossdressers and transsexuals and their friends.

Services: MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Non-profit, non-sexual social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting and social night the third Saturday of each month. Newsletter, partner support, Big Sister program.

Security: Inquire.

GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT: Gender Dysphoria Support, P O Box 15561, Shawnee Mission KS 66215; (913) 371-0658; Anne Ogborn, Facilitator.

Nature: Social/support group for people who are in transition, or have changed gender.

Services: Provides peer group support for people in and post transition, and their significant others. Dedicated to providing services to F-M's and M-F's equally. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Meet Friday evenings.

Security: Contact Anne Ogborn.

WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: Wichita Transgender Alliance, P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.

Nature: MAGGIE affiliate. Non-sexual peer support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their spouses, and significant others. Group is open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion.

Services: Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, newsletter, brochures.

Security: A chat with an officer of the Alliance to ensure that you'd benefit from membership. Privacy is assured.

NEBRASKA

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

Nature: MAGGIE affiliate. Non-profit educational, support, and social group for TVs, TSs, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter The Transformer, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library.

Security: Inquire.

RIIO CHI RIIO CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Chapter discontinued. Contact: River City Gender Alliance, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

ARKANSAS

LOUISIANA

TRI DELTA CHI, TRI-ESS: Tri Delta Chi, Box 870213, New Orleans, LA 70187-1300.

Nature: New Orleans chapter of the Society for the Second Self serving members in southeast Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and northwest Florida. We are in the growing stage and are publishing newsletters and holding meetings on a sporadic basis. This is an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/SOs, and is primarily a "social" support group.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Mailing list for newsletter is open, for a fee of $5.00 yearly. Attendance at meetings and functions requires screening by Board.

UNITED TRANSSEXUAL AND TV SUPPORT GROUP: UTTS, Barbara, 54 Pine Road Dr., Lacombe LA 70445.

OKLAHOMA

CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104; (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

Nature: Social organization and support group welcomes TVs, TSs, and interested parties. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference.

Services: Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

Security: Confidentiality is assured and expected.

TEXAS

RECAST, INC.: ReCast, Inc., P O Box 2224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001. (214) 641-4842, Aaron Davis, (214) 288-5089, Randy Ingersoll.

Nature: FTM support organization. Prosthesis research for FTM, physician refereral, physician outreach, gender education.

Services: Monthly meetings, $10 donation per meeting.

Security: Referrals from other support organizations or physicians.

DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Delta Omega, P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021. Hotline: Metro (817) 261-3253 ("live" Wednesday 7-11 pm, otherwise answering machine).

Nature: Social, for heterosexual TVs and their significant others. Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Services: Social activities; publish The Texas Rose newsletter.

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with a chapter officer.

TRI-PLEX GENDER ASSOCIATION: TPGA, c/o Karalyn McGrath, P O Box 381, Riesel TX 76682. (817) 867-1077 (best to call on Sunday).

Nature: Transgender support group.

Services: Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's Gender EUPHORIA. TPGA members will receive Gender EUPHORIA.

Security: Write for more information.

HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE (NORTHWEST BRANCH): HTGA-NW, c/o Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Antonio TX 76903-0413. (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT).

Nature: Transgender support group.

Services: Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's Gender EUPHORIA. TPGA members will receive Gender EUPHORIA.

Security: Write for more information.

TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS: Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Building, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 560, Houston TX 77058. (713) 333-2278.

Nature: TS-Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, Saturday, 2-5pm, July 11, 1992 and November 14, 1992. $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming.

GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY: GCTC, P.O. Box 90335, Houston TX 77090.

Nature: Formerly the Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, GCTC is a social organization for CDs, TSs, SOs, and others in the transgender community.

Services: Monthly social meetings, monthly newsletter. Sponsors annual "Fantasy Adventure Weekend."

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with an officer of the organization.

TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Tau Chi, Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with the chapter president.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM FOR TRANSSEXUALS: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH CROSSDRESSERS COMMUNICATION NETWORK: W.A.C.S., Cynthia Phillips, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.

Nature: A women's support group devoted to the primary goal of exploring women's feelings, concerns, and attitudes about cross-dressing. Affiliated with Boulton & Park.

Services: We meet at 3:00 pm the 2nd Saturday of each month at the home of Cynthia Phillips. No fee.

Security: Inquire

HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE (HTGA): HTGA, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. Linda Phillips, President, (512) 438 7604.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for TVs, TSs, and their families and friends.

Services: Meetings at least once a month. Social activities. Outreach program.

Security: Interview required before attending.

SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212.

Nature: Non-profit support group exclusively for transsexuals. Affiliated professinals available for help and support.

Services: Monthly newsletter. Meetings the third Saturday of each month.

Security: Interview required.

BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY: Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78280. Hotline: (512) 657-2540. FAX (512) 545-4888 Monday-Friday, 6:00 am to 5:00 pm CT.

Nature: Open, non-profit, non-sexual. Social and peer support plus local information for transsexual, transvestic, and transgendered folks, their families and friends.

Services: Meetings, newsletter Gender Euphoria, business directory, outreach to helping professionals, plus a national outreach program for individuals referred to us.

Services: You are expected to be mature enough to exist with others in social situations, exercising good manners and good sense in protecting the security and peace of mind of all. Before attending your first soiree you must meet with a designated member. If we aren't comfortable with you, you won't be invited to attend.

AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE: Austin Second Image, P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761. Hotline (512) 778-5460 Wednesdays 7-9pm.

Nature: Non-sexual educational and social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. All enjoy full membership with full voting rights.

Services: Monthly meeting. Telephone help line. Educational outreach.

Security: Personal interview followed by invitation.

FIRST SATURDAY: Meets in El Paso TX, see listing under NM.

COLORADO

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver): Delta Chapter, P.O. Box 621681, Littleton CO 80162.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual support/social group for heterosexual cross-dressers and their families.

Services: Monthly meetings and activities, monthly newsletter addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network. Annual dues $15.00.

Security: Requires an interview with chapter officer prior to meeting attendance.

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. (G.I.C.): 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211. (303) 458-5378. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. These areas include medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, and other related matters. G.I.C. also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline.

DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: Tri-Ess, P O Box 803, Evergreen CO 80439.

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine, Femme Mirror, and chapters throughout the US.

Security: Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with the Tri-Ess code of conduct.

CROSS LINK: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact through GIC, above. (303) 458 5378.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

NORTHERN COLORADO/ WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact through Gender Identity Center, above. (303) 458 5378.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

WYOMING

WYOMING/NORTH COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER: Contact via the Gender Identity Center, (303) 458-5378, for information and directions to the meeting place.

IDAHO

UTAH

ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressers' support group for TVs and their families.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

ARIZONA

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

A ROSE: A Rose, P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for TVs, TSs, their wives, friends, and relatives.

Services: Social activities, meetings, educational programs. Publishes A Rose News monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: Alpha Zeta, P O Box 24459, Tempe AZ 85285-4459.

Nature: A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, and their significant others.

Services: Social activities, monthly meetings. Publishes The Cactus Flower newsletter.

Security: Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.

SORORITY: Sorority, P O Box 50151, Tucson AZ 85703-1151.

Nature: Support group for TSs, TGs, and gay CDs.

Services: Education and support about makeup and clothes.

Security: Inquire.

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE: Gender Crisis Help Line, 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies (602) 293-3456.

Nature: Referral Service offering referrals to local professionals specializing in gender dysphoria: cosmetic surgeons, groups, events, and educational opportunities for the gender community.

Services: A listening ear and a current list of professionals.

Security: All calls are confidential.

BUTTERFLY: Butterfly, P O Box 17776, Tucson AZ 85731-7776.

Nature: A non-sexual social and support group for TVs, TSs, their spouses and relatives. Not a therapy group or a dating service.

Service: Social activities, educational programs. Publishes a monthly newsletter, The Butterfly. Meetings held the second Saturday of each month.

Security: Mutual discretion and respect. Mailing list is confidential.

NEW MEXICO

FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess: Fiesta, 8200 Montgomery NE, # 241, Albaquerque NM 87109

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

CD/TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: CD/TV/TS Support Group, P.O. Box 26800, Suite 314, Albuquerque NM 87125

Nature: An unaffiliated open group offering support, acceptance, and understanding for crossdressers and their families.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of every month (dressing not required). Anyone with an interest in crossdressing is welcome to attend.

Security: Insured via mutual discretion and respect.

FIRST SATURDAY FOR TV/TS: Rudi Clarke, ST Route Box 886, Alamogordo NM 88311 (505) 434-5144

Nature: Support group for all TVs and TSs in the area.

Services: Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at the Whatever Club in El Paso, Texas.

Security: Person must meet with a member and establish their credentials. Call to set up an appointment.

NEVADA

JENNIFER & FRIENDS: Jennifer & Friends, P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

Security: Personal interview with one board member.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER: A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028; (213) 469-4709; Amanda Silvestri, Director.

Nature: A non-profit organization serving the transgender and transsexual community.

Services: Confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, and a newsletter.

Security: Open.

ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: Alpha Chapter, P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036. (213) 876-6141, ask for Virginia. Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Founder Emeritus.

Nature: Los Angeles Chapter of the society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters.

Services: Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/partners/families. Publishes Alpha Bits newsletter.

Security: Members are expected to join national Tri-Ess. Mailing list accessible only by officers for official purposes.

CROSS-CONNECTION: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

ANDROGYNY: Rachel Irving, P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90048; (213) 467-8317 ask for Shirley or Sheila, 213-856-4867 ask for Rachel. Please mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm Pacific time.

Nature: Social and support group for those who crossdress.

Services: Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm until 10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.

CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME: Club Cherchez la Femme, P O Box 14521, Long Beach CA 90803.

Nature: Private membership club for CDs and those who appreciate the drag scene.

Services: Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details. Dues $5 or $10.

Security: Confidential membership.

ONTHESCENENIGHT: Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806.

Nature: Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome.

Services: On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City. $5 cover, free buffet, free copies of TV Epic.

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC): CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009. Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or cross-dressers only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and

friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: We sponsor meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. We publish a monthly newsletter, CHIC Clippings, and sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month.

Security: Meetings are closed except to members and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members and (if a home meeting) the hostess. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the Membership Committee, and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

CD SOCIAL GROUP: PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.
Nature: A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for more information.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: See *RESEARCH*.

THE VALLEY GIRLS: c/o Cross-Talk, P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365. (818) 776-8504 (24-hour recorde message).

Nature: Informal, unstructured, open social group.

Services: Meets for late Saturday night breakfast and socializing. Occasionally schedules events in the mainstream. Call for current breakfast location and schedule of events.

Security: Anyone welcome without prior interview.

THE CROSSDRESSERS QUARTERLY: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

CROSS-TALK: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.

FEMININE IMAGE: c/o Alicia M. Lichy, 5405 Arrow Hwy.-Suite 110, Montclair CA 91763; (714) 931-1515.

Nature: TV/TS/TG social club offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your sexual preference or practices. Significant others and novices are most welcome.

Services: Meetings held on the 1st Saturday of each month in a private meeting room at ALICIA'S FASHIONS.

Security: Interview with Alicia or Barbara, "Best of Both Worlds," required, and your confidentiality is guaranteed.

NEUTRAL CORNER: Neutral Corner, P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112. TV/TS information line 236-1586.

Nature: A self-help group for cross-dressers, transsexuals, and their families. Its purpose is to help its members live a normal and productive life.

Services: Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, a buyer's guide, and a list of helping professionals.

Security: Inquire.

PHOENIX RISING: Phoenix Rising, c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.
Nature: A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages.
Services: Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.
Security: Sponsorship by current member required.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS*.

TERRANET BBS: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS*.

NATIONAL AD-HOC MEDICAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER: NAMCOG, Sarah Seton, M.D., Coordinator, 1540 Burton Road, Suite 235, Redlands CA 92373.

Nature: Doctors in various specialties across the nation are currently founding an association of concerned, transgendered physicians. The interim coordinator is soliciting all male and female transgendered physicians (M.D. & D.O.) interested in becoming founding members. All specialties are welcome.

The purposes of the committe include mutual professional support, peer review and liaison with mainstream medical boards and associations, research and education, outreach, and lobbying for the benefit of all transgendered people, nationwide.

Full membership is available to transgendered physicians, residents, and medical students. Associate membership is available, and all other interested people are welcome. Write to above address for a prospectus and an application.

GENDER DYSPHORIC PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA): Omega Chi, P O Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92802.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

POWDER PUFFS OF ORANGE COUNTY (PPOC): PPOC, P.O. Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92812 Hotline: (714) 779-9013 weekdays 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

Nature: Open, non-sexual social club for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Interview by club officer.

TRI-CHI: Tri-Chi, P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.

Nature: Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Security/Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine, Femme Mirror, and chapters throughout the US.

Security: Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with the Tri-Ess code of conduct.
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THE AMERICAN CROSSDRESSER: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P O Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93456; (805) 922-1309 (9am - 5pm PST Mon - Thurs).

See also listing under *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

Nature: GCA is a non-profit educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. Also a professional medical, psychological and legal services co-op (see *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.), and utilizes its own computer bulletin board system, Searchlight of San Luis Obispo (see *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS*).

Services: Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Gender and sex information; referrals for medical and professional support, personal care, correspondence and peer-linking. International contacts. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contributions are welcome and tax-deductible.

Security: Confidential and non-judgmental.

SIGMA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: See Alpha Chapter Tri-Ess, serving the Los Angeles area.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

GENDER AND SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC): ETVC, P.O. Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486, Hotline: (510) 549-2665 (if no answer call Telzey at 510-849-4112).

Nature: ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intended as a social and educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy with over 400 members.

Services: ETVC publishes the ETVC Newsletter, and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.

Security: The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to these lists, except in the case of judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone

number, or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other member's expressed permission.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: See *LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES*.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486.

Nature: Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of crossdressers and transsexuals.

Services: Meetings and a newsletter.

Security: See 'ETVC.'

GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS: No mailing address available.

Nature: A non-judgmental transgender support group.

Services: Meetings every Thursday in the Science of Mind room at 3255 Balboa Street (near 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885. (510) 849-4112.

Nature: Informal, non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their friends, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. Publishes the Devil Woman newsletter.

Security: DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. Confidentiality is assured and expected.

SEARCHLIGHT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS*.

GENDER ALTERNATIVES LEAGUE: GAL, c/o Cynthia Howard, P.O. Box 3392, Napa CA 94558-3392.

Nature: National not-for-profit political activist organization for all segments of the gender community. The association is run by participating members of the gender community to provide national representation for everyone.

Services: "Our aim is freedom of gender expression without oppression. Our primary focus is to support all members of the gender community in the area of human rights and equal rights advocacy and activism. We are working on the elimination of the Mental Illness label for members of our community, and on civil rights acts protecting all members of our minority. The organization is set up like NOW and other minority activist groups. We are setting up lobbying groups, and working with other minorities for human rights. This is an umbrella organization for all groups in our community. Its policies and activities are set by participating group leaders on the League's Advisory Board. We encourage everyone to participate. We do not discriminate." Publish newsletter, The Genderist. Hold national meetings annually. Election of officers is open to all and occurs each February. Sponsor National Gender Freedom Day yearly. Contact Lauren Hotchkiss for membership information."

Security: All personal information is kept strictly confidential.

FEMALE-TO-MALE: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618. **Nature**: Support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Inquire.

Security: Inquire.

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

THURSDAY IRREGULARS: Thursday Irregulars, c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 7761, San Jose CA 95150-7761.

Nature: For nearly 7 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves.

Security: The group is very security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.

Nature: Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Non-profit, non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others regardless of their gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals, transvestites, and their significant others to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We also promote the complete development of RGA members as complete men and women through emotional support and education. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestite in an effort to help them accept and make peace with themselves. We publish a newsletter and sponsor social programs, peer support, outreach work, and public education. Visitors are welcome.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS*.

FOCUS: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.

TV GUISE: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES*.

SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION: SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456, (916) 441-8379.

Nature: SGA ia a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community, their spouses, significant others, and professionals. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Monthly socials, support groups (TV/TS/SO), newsletter.

Security: All mailing and membership lists are kept confidential. Only certain officers have access.

SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP: c/o P O Box 13852, Sacramento CA 95838-3582.

Nature: JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community and to the S/M community about itself. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual.

Services: Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

Security: All membership lists and mailings are kept in strictest confidence.

NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER: Address invalid at this time.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients only.

Security: Call hotline for an appointment with Client Acceptance Committee.

HAWAII

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: HTGO, 777 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 3114, Honolulu Hawaii 96813. Phone 923 4270. There is someone there to answer it on some mornings. We are now approved by the IRS as a tax-exempt corporation. Donations are now tax deductible.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*.

OREGON

NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208. (503) 774-8463.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual social organization serving the crossdressing community.

Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all of our girls to attend as often as possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER: RCGC, P O Box 12714, Portland OR 97212. (503) 230-1036. All functions are held at the Living Communion Church, 3830 SE 62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.

CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER: Capitol City Chapter, P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

Services: Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, make-up, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings.

Security: Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

SALMACIS: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eu-

gene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist; (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).

Nature: Salmacis is a social and service society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women.

Services: Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Also publish Femmes Together and The Equalitarian Feminist. The Salmacis Social Society meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

SALISIION, The Womyn's Information Network: Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

Nature: A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle.

Services: The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON

TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS: TLF, Seattle Washington. (206) 292-1037.

Nature: A social group for transsexuals and lesbians. Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend.

Services: We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee.

Security: New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.

EMERALD CITY: Emerald City, P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103. Hotline (206) 284-1071.

Nature: The Emerald City is a social, educational, non-profit, non-sexual organization serving the cross-dressing community.

Services: Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Publishes a monthly newsletter. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of cross-dressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance.

Security: Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at other events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored by a member and accepted by the Board. Confidentiality of member information is carefully maintained.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ALASKA

THE BERDACHE SOCIETY: Berdache Society, c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 203134, Anchorage Ak 99520-3134. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social, educational, and referral organization serving the TV/TS community. Supports the concept that gender and sexual identity operate on separate but parallel continua with unity of the individual and freedom of expression and growth our primary focus. (Sumus Quod Sumus.)

Services: Publishes a monthly newsletter Satin and Lace. Monthly meetings and social functions in a safe and supportive environment. Educational and personal growth programs. Wives' and significant others' support group. Mental health and medical referrals.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves in a mature, responsible, and respectful manner. Membership is by committee after interview by chairperson or letter of referral. Anyone may receive the newsletter.

CANADA

ENTRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.: Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, Canada G1L 1Y2; (418) 529-1152.

Nature: French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M.

Services: Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TS's.

Security: Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

FACT - QUEBEC: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S6.

Nature: Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others.

Security: Inquire.

TRANSSEUALS IN PRISON: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSINAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

FACT - OTTAWA: FACT, Box 9155, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1G 3T9.

Nature: Support group primarily for transsexuals.

Services: Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Contact FACT president through the Ottawa Gayline (613) 238-1717. Arrange a time for a call-back.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

TRANSITION SUPPORT: Transition Support, c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 2C9.

Nature: Transsexual support.

Services: Annual membership fee ($25.00 Cdn) includes monthly meetings and 12-issue sub to Trans News newsletter. Newsletter subscription alone, $15.00. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public.

Security: None. Inquire for details.

GENDERSERVE: See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

STREET OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS): 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, ON M4Y 1Z8 CANADA (416) 926-0744 (24 hours).

Nature: Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution.

Services: Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one workers, 24-hour crisis line.

GENDER MOSAIC (formerly Nu Omicron Phi): Gender Mosaic, P O Box 7421, (Ottawa) Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E4 (613) 749 5203.

Nature: Social support group for transgendered people and their significant others.

Services: Phone line, bi-monthly newsletter, pamphlet, and socials.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

THE TRANSIE TIMES: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB: The Canadian CDC, 429C Dundas Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2A9. 416-864-0420 24 hours.

Nature: Open, non-sexual, support, social and educational outreach club with an accent on FUN for cross-dressers, transsexuals, transgenderists, spouses, significant others, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens.

Services: Parties on the second and fourth Fridays, and every Saturday. Membership includes CDC Magazine subscription. The third Saturday is Ladies' Night Out in a local restaurant. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto.

Security: Modest screening process. Arrive dressed, or dress at the Club. Write, call, or send $8.00 for current Canadian Crossdresser Magazine.

MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB: M.S.C., Box 579, Agincourt, ON M1S 3C6 CANADA.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual social organization serving TVs and TSs, their spouses, and friends.

Services: Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service for members. Publishes the quarterly Monarch magazine. Sponsors the annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the last weekend in August (Owen Sound).

Security: By member referral or filling in a club questionnaire application form. Inquiries welcome.

PHI SIGMA - TRI-ESS: Phi Sigma, c/o Sara Geddis, Box 2546, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada T1A 8G8.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual cross-dressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

CORNBURY SOCIETY: Cornbury Society, Box 3745, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Z1 CANADA.

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services/Security: Inquire for meeting times and locations, and security requirements.

GENDER MOSAIC: Gender Mosaic, Niki Ross, P O Box 7421, Vanier (OTTAWA), ONT., K1L-8E4.

Nature: Crossdressing support group.

CHRYSALLIS: Chrysallis, Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 5A5.

Nature: Support group.

Services: Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, from 7:00pm till 10:00pm.

ENGLAND

BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England. Information 081-756-1782

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Bi-monthly magazine: The Beaumont Bulletin, which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, and articles on related matters. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

WOBS - THE B S PARTNERS GROUP: BM, WOBS London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: A support group for partners and families of transsexuals.

Services: A confidential support network by which people with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

Security: Inquire.

SEAHORSE SOCIETY: BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals.

Services: Regular newsletter, social events, etc.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

BEAUMONT TRUST: BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations.

Services: Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and his or her family to come to terms with the problem.

Security: Inquire.

TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: The TV/TS Group, 2 French Place, Shoreditch, London ENGLAND E1 6JB (off Bateman's Row). Telephone Helpline: 071-729-1466. Hours: 8-10pm Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Nature: Support/social Group for TVs, TSs, families and friends. Registered Charity #295376; member of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations (NCVO).

Services: Peer support for CDs, TSs, wives and partners. Publishes The Glad Rag and other useful and informative publications. Meetings Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Comfortable lounge, refreshments, social areas, storage lockers, dressing room.

Security: Open meetings, but VERY conscious of the need for individual security. All that is asked is a name to call you by.

PARTNERS' SUPPORT GROUP (TV/TS/SUPPORT): 081-204-4187 most days between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm.

Nature: Special telephone helpline for WOMEN (wives, mothers, etc.)

Security: See above

THE GENDER TRUST: BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND. Helpline 071 730 7453 from 7-10pm Thursdays for transsexuals. 7-10pm Tuesdays for transvestites.

Nature: A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): The Gender Dysphoria Trust, BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND Helpline 0323 641100.

Nature: A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual.

Services: Bi-monthly newsletter, dyscourse, handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

NEW TRANSESSEX: P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT; 0268-583761, evenings 7:00 - 10:30pm.

Nature: TV/TS social club.

Services: Meetings 2nd Friday of every month at the Kavorah Manor. There is a Club newsletter, Narcissus, and a help line.

Security: Inquire

LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary. 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only.

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society.'

Services: Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm.

INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY (IGTA): IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelley, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB

Nature: An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups.

Services: Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome.

Security: As applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester): Jenny Baker, The Northern Concord, P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND

Nature: A non-profit social and support group for transvestites, transsexuals, their wives and significant others. Associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group.

Services: Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar, meals. Accomodation available. Publishes a quarterly magazine Cross Talk.

Security: Inquire.

ROSE'S: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND 0742-342870

Nature: A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.'

Services: Regular social evenings and parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Quarterly publication Repartee.

Security: Full confidentiality assured.

SCOTLAND

GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP: 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND.

Nature: Open to members of other groups.

Services: Third Saturday of each month except December, 1pm for 2pm, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester, 03398 83695.

THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP: c/o Julie Bradshaw, 53/6 Bread Street, Edinburgh EH3 9AH. Tel. 031-556-4049.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual TV/TS Support Group.

Security: Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh, 7.30-10.00pm. Very conscious of the need for individual security. Wives and partners welcome.

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY GROUP: c/o Cara Friend, P.O. Box 44, Belfast BT1 1SH IRELAND phone Belfast (0232) 322 023 on evening of meeting.

Nature: Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends, mostly tea & chat.

Services: Meetings in Belfast on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1pm for 2pm.

Security: Call first.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.

Nature: See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788.

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

DE STICHTING REBORN: De stichting REBORN, Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d YSSEL, NETHERLANDS. Immanuel B. de Vries. 31104503469.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Bi-monthly newsletter.

GERMANY

TRANSIDENTITAS: Transidentitas, Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY Phone: 069 8001008

Nature: Support group for transvestites and transsexuals.

Services: Inquire.

TV CLUB HAMBURG: Postfach 26 14 26, 2000 Hamburg 26 GERMANY Phone: 040.250.13.13 (Christel Grunwald)

Nature: Inquire.

Services: Inquire.

TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE: c/o MANNEGE, UHLANDSTR. 161, 1000 BERLIN 15, GERMANY Phone: 030 882 23 70.

Nature: Support group for men who like to crossdress.

Services: Counselling, monthly open meetings every first Monday at 7:30 pm at the above address, rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society.

Formerly known as MANNER IN FRAUENKLEIDEN.

NORWAY

F.P.E. (Northern Europe): FPE-NE, Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

Services: Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Publishes Feminform, an informative, quarterly publication. A private library for members.

Security: Private interview with qualified member.

SWEDEN

F.P.E. (SWEDEN): FPE NE, Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN

Nature: See F.P.E. Northern Europe.

Services: Publishes Feminform, the magazine for FPE-NE. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month.

Security: Private interview with qualified member.

DENMARK

FPE NE: FPE-NE, Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, Denmark.

Nature: See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

Services: Monthly meetings.

ISLAM

Phaedra Kelley gives addresses for two TV/TS groups:

TURKEY

A group representing Transvestites and Transsexuals of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish. Demet Demir, Yesil Bizans, Kultureui, Siraselviler Cad., No. 176 D.5 Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY.

PAKISTAN

Khusra of Pakistan
Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan.
Phone code 05921 6158 and leave message, or 05921 2858
Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

JAPAN

ELIZABETH CLUB: Tsutsui building 5F 2-8-4, Suada-Cho, Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan.

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine called Queen every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Publisher of Queen Magazine. See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

AUSTRALIA

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES - SYDNEY: The Secretary, Box 146, Ulladulla, New South Wales 2538, Australia.

Nature: The Seahorse Society is a non-profit social organization for transvestites and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership.

Services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar (Beaumont, Tiffany, etc.) organization.

SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND: Denyse Stewart, PO Box 386, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Australia. Details of activities not yet available.

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES - GLEBE: c/o Bernadette Cross, Box 168, Westgate, N.S.W., 2048.

Nature: See 'Seahorse - Sydney,' above.

Services: Likewise refer to 'Seahorse - Sydney.'

Security: Inquire.

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.

Nature: The largest continuously active club in Australia. A non-profit, non-sexual social/support organization for cross-dressers and their families.

Services: SSV regularly publishes the Seahorse Victoria newsletter. We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

Security: Inquire.

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: P O Box 284, Doonside N.S.W 2767. Australia. Janice West, Director.

Nature: Support group for crossdressers.

Services: Regular meetings, referrals to helping professionals and vendors, social events for individuals and for families.

Security: Write for further information.

CARROUSEL CLUB: c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well.

Security: Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia; tele 369-2613.

Nature: A non-profit self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting.

Services: Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Publish the Nu-Scene newsletter.

Security: Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that

the visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

NEW ZEALAND

HEDESTHIA: Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

Nature: Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE / NEW ZEALAND: The Minorities Trust, Box 2983, Wellington, NZ. Telephone: Wgtn (04) 844-764; (work) 737-800 ext 8642; Miss Leone Jeanne Neil.

Nature: A low-profile, high powered lobby group promoting the rights of transpeople. A confidential, culturally divergent community support group helping meet the social and emotional needs of transpeople.

Services: Personal counselling, employment opportunities, professional and medical referrals, periodical publications, and a non-threatening social environment for functions and entertainment.

Security: Call or write and enquire.

SOUTH AFRICA

THE PHOENIX SOCIETY: Box 375, Parow, 7500, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa. Marlene Knoetze, President.

Nature: The Phoenix Society is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome.

Services: Publishes Fanfare magazine, actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts.

Security: New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES

(IFGE does not guarantee the quality of the individuals and services listed.)

PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: Niela Miller, MS ED, LCSW, P O Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718 (508) 264-4565.

Services: Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Also, workshops on personal development.

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: 233 Harvard Street, Suite 301, Brookline, MA 02146, 617-277-4360; 44 Chapel Street, Augusta, ME 04330, 207-623-2327.

Nature: Counseling that specializes in gender issues.

Services: Counseling CDs and TVs, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, F-M counseling, weekend programs for couples, post-op TS counseling, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors, gender blending and androgyny, and codependency counseling. Ari Kane, M. Ed., Gender Specialist.

Security: All sessions are by appointment.

DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D.: Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr, MA 02178. Mailing: Dennis Pearne, Ed.D., 133 Grove St. Watertown MA 02172. Office: (617) 484-0013

Nature: Clinical psychologist.

OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK: OPERN, P O Box 368, Boston MA 02215, Ari Kane, Director. (617) 277-3454.

Nature: Provides referral services and educational resources for health care professionals on issues of gender conflict and gender dysphoria.

Services: Seminars, workshops, and professional supervision are offered from time to time. Publishes the Journal of Gender Studies.

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D.: Nancy Strapko, Ph.D., RFD 1, Box 2081, Plymouth NH 03264. Office is in Concord, MA.

Nature: Gender Specialist, Psychotherapist serving the New England area.

Services: Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with the University of Minnesota.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: 104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431; (603) 357-5544; Ken DeVoid, Ed.D.

Nature: Transvestite, transsexual, and gender identity counseling.

Services: Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available.

HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka OUTREACH INSTITUTE: 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345, South Portland, ME 04106. 207-755-0858. Ari Kane, Director. See NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. The Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones, Director; (203) 646-8651.

Service: Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy. Also provides screening for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TS's who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.

METAMORPHOSIS: P O Box 6245, Broadway Station, Long Island City NY 11106, (718) 728-4615.

Nature: Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information.

ANDROGYNY UNLIMITED: Box 4887, Poughkeepsie NY 12602, (914) 452-8405. Roger E. Peo, Ph.D., Director.

Nature: A private service providing counselling, research, and education.

Services: Individual counselling is provided by Dr. Peo, a Board-certified sexologist. Counselling is for transgendered persons and their significant others. Referrals are made where appropriate. Classes, seminars, and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate-level students and for other groups.

Security: Appointments for counselling can be made by phoning or by writing Dr. Peo at the above address.

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: 5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616; (412) 441-0857; Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins.

Nature: Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others.

Services: Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormonal therapy, and sex-reassignment therapy.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.: H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814.

Nature: Counselling for transgendered persons.

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015. (804) 622-9900.

Nature: Intake and evaluation center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS.

Services: A carefully prepared gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care for transsexually inclined persons.

Security: Applicants to this program are subjected to a thorough screening by a highly qualified staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.: P O Box 607, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433. Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS, Program Manager.

Nature: Private, not-for-profit Mental Health Center.

Services: Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

Services: Strict confidentiality. All inquiries will be interviewed.

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Services: Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING: 2999 N.E. 191 Street, Suite 607, Aventura FL 33180. Coral L. Sehlosberg, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T. (305) 936-8000.

Nature: Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for transsexuals and transvestites.

Services: Individual and group therapy.

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: 1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201. 614-299-6600.

Nature: Mental health hotline and service provider.

Services: Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Milwaukee Transgender Program, Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304; (414) 774-4111; Gretchen M. Fincke, MSSW, Dir.

Nature: A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people.

Services: A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Contact Gretchen Fincke, MSSW, or Roger Northway, MS.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: 5594 North Hollywood Ave., Suite 204, Whitefish Bay WI 53217; (414) 332-1880; Charles A. Kiley, MSW, ACSW.

Nature: Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior including fetishistic transvestism.

Services: Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: Eli Coleman, Ph.D., LCP, Director, Walter O. Bockting, Drs., LP, Coordinator, c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis, MN 55454. (612) 625 1500, Fax (612) 626-8311.

Nature: A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care. Administered by the University of Minnesota's Department of Family Practice and Community Health, Medical School.

Services: The program provides initial assessment, therapy, and various treatment options (including, but not limited to, hormonal and surgical sex reassignment). Post surgical therapy is also offered as a follow-up measure. Support and other psychological services are available for families and children of gender dysphories as well. Therapy, physical health care, and all related assistance are provided in the context of a fully professional environment.

ALICE WEBB, MSW, CSW-ACP: Alice Webb, MSW, CSW-ACP, Atrium Crest Building, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 560, Houston TX 77058. (713) 333-2278, Fax (713) 333-2293.

Nature: Therapist formerly of the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch, and recently in private practice in Galveston, Texas, is now affiliated with Larry Nahmias, MD, and Blanca Diez, MD.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004; (303) 420-9885.

Nature: Practice limited to work with crossdressers, the gender conflicted, and their significant others.

Services: Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Also, a professional Speakers' Forum.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE: Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84132; 801-581-7951. Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD.

Services: Details not available at this time.

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: c/o Robin M. Mathy, M.A., 6330-1 E. Thomas Road Suite 210, Scottsdale AZ 85251.

Nature: Counseling clinic led by transsexual sexologist to help patients explore the gender continuum and find the most appropriate niche(s).

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: Roxanne Cherry, M.A., 937 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite F, Claremont CA 91711; (213) 202-1820, (714) 624-6539.

Nature: Licensed marriage family child therapist

Services: Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: The Prince Institute, P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.

Nature: A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services.

Services: Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or by correspondence.

Security: Total confidentiality.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: 32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675; (714) 240-7020. Wm. G. Heard, Ph.D., Director.

Nature: A comprehensive program for gender dysphoric persons. Our program is one of many options available. It is a composite of evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years by the more successful programs, which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society.

Services: Our program is structured to permit the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, Ms Tauria Linala, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93454; (805) 922-1309...voice, (805) 549-0961...data.

Nature: Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program.

Services: Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: P O Box 4447, San Francisco CA 94101; (415) 558-8058; Joni E. Israel, Director.

Nature: A private personal growth consultation program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues.

Services: Short & long-term consultation, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional consultation & training.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102; (415) 554-0518.

Nature: We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House.

Services: Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' and 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610; (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

Nature: Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, cross-dressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, and a sliding fee scale.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION INC.: HBIGDA, 1515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306. (415) 326-4645.

Nature: Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Establishes the Standards of Care, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: Box 908, Berkeley CA 94701; (415) 548-8283. Hot Line: (415) 841-6224. Allyana Guenther, Executive Director.

Nature: A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The

Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

Services: Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.: D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901; (415) 456-4452.

Nature: Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues.

Services: In private practice, but associated with other Bay Area gender professionals, and can provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and recommendation for hormone therapy and/or sex reassignment surgery when applicable.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224; (808) 926-1000.

Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122; (206) 329-6651.

Nature: Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service.

Services: Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE: 1505 Broadway, Seattle WA 98122, (206) 282-9314 noon, to 9 pm weekdays, Michael Auch, Executive Director.

Nature: Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities in the U.S. A United Way agency, SCS receives grants from state and local sources to provide counseling and therapy for the full range of problems related to sexual issues.

Services: SCS provides a weekly support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.

GENDERSERVE: Box 291 Station "A", Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3C8. Susan C. Huxford, Director.

Nature: Counseling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1R8. 416-979-2221, ext. 2339.

Nature: Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphoeics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period.

Services: Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking, family therapy, seminars, and professional presentations.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: **UUCP electronic mail:**
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Internet electronic mail:
samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request@uunet.uu.net

Nature: An electronic mailing list.

Services: To share experiences about gender issues. This list is in Digest Format. An archive server with resources, movie/book lists, and fiction is available. Back issues are available. Electronic mail forwarding to members. To join, send electronic mail to Stephanie P. Gilgut at the above address. Your first contribution should include a brief bio. Contributions for publication should be sent by email to:

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THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

ALTERNATIVES: New York NY. (212) 349-2845 - 2400/MNP5, (212) 349-3064 - 9600/v.32/HST 8 bit, NONE parity, & 1 stop bit.

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GENDERLINE:

Nature: BBS (Compuserve Information Service).

Services: Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission by System Operator HSX forum B (GO HSX 200 at any prompt). Discreet support community for both TV's and TS's. Consists of closed forum, conference area, and extensive data library of factual information and archived discussions of topics of concern.

NEW WOMEN'S SUB-BOARD: (301) 317-1868. 24 hours.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers only. Answer the "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to gain access to the public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.

Services: Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

GDATN: SYSOP April Low, Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (615) 333-0816. 8N1. Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta GA. (404) 922-2414 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Nature: Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc.

Services: Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: Grand Rapids, MI: (616) 676-2429; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. The Gender Forum is a closed forum accessible exclusively by members of the gender community, and professionals that work with us.

Services: The Gender Forum also has a **'Companion Support Forum'** exclusively for significant others, spouses, and partners.

US TOO: Chicago, IL: (312) 252-7024; 300/1200/2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual support Bulletin Board Service affiliated with the Sunday Society.

Services: Very user friendly BBS with four sub-boards (M-F TS, F-M TS, TV, general).

Security: Call first.

PUSS N BOOTS: Aaron Davis, 1551 NW 19th #905, Grand Prairie TX 75050. Home phone: (214) 641-4842, board phone (214) 641-1822.

Nature: BBS. Board up 4am-3am, message service, medical information, legal information, personal experiences. Baud 2400-9600.

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CROSS LINK: Denver, CO: (303) 665-3746. 300/1200 baud, 8 bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service

Services: When you log on you will see, "You have reached M&D's Travelling Circuits BBS Where YOU Are the Main Attraction!" Name? Last Name? Follow instructions, answer questions. Enter the name "CROSS-LINK".

SEARCHLIGHT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA BBS: San Luis Obispo, CA: (805) 549-0961. 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1 standard modem parameters.

Nature: BBS affiliated with Gender Community Advocates

Services: Access information on full service gender program, counseling, referrals, peer linking, and education. 24-hour BBS. Be sure to complete questionnaire stating TV or

TS when prompted for 'Sexual Minority Type.' Gay/Lesbian and Adults Only sections also available.

FEMINET: (408) 335-4387 300/1200/2400 baud, 8 bit, no parity, one stop bit. Software: QuickGGS 2.03 (highly modified).

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community. Specialty: general resource for all TVs, TSs, and all other persons interested in transgendered lifestyles. Largest BBS devoted to gender issues.

Services: Access: Answer all new-login questions and you will be logged onto Digicomputronica, a public "front" for Feminet. Enter "P" (for password). Password is "KEY" (without quotes). 24 hours. Financed by contributions.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 549-0529. 300/1200/2400 8N1. **Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board Service geared towards the Gender Community.

Services: News and information, courtesy of Cross-Talk, National Gender Forums and on-line chat, stories, poetry, friends, and fun! Group Newsletter and Publication exchange. Other professional data services to the community. Shopping Mall online early '92! Log on with user-ID "VALLEY GIRL" and use password "VISITOR" then follow instructions.

TerraNet BBS: (714) 248-2836 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 baud, 8 bit, NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex. Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWA's (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSGENDERNET, TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, DRESS*UP, and GENDER POLITICS echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues. TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Information Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106. The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Tapestry, Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

Nature: Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E.

Services: The TV/TS Tapestry is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

TRANSFORMATIONS, Reflections On Gender Roles And Religious/Spiritual Values: Joy Helms, P.O. Box 1355, Princeton, NJ 08542.

Nature: A non-profit quarterly newsletter which addresses the relationship between issues relating to gender struggles and religious/spiritual values.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R, New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm). Muriel Olive, Director.

Nature: Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 1263, King of Prussia, PA 19406; 215-640-9449.

Nature: A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community.

Services: Publish Art and Illusion: a Guide to Crossdressing and LadyLike Magazine, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September.

Security: None.

FEMINIQUE: 12423 Hedges Run Drive, Suite 144, Lake Ridge VA 22192.

Nature: A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. $5 for sample issue, $35 annual subscription.

Security: Mailing list strictly confidential.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

Nature: A newsletter written by and about transsexuals. $2.00 per copy; $12.00 per year.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. (813) 973-0987.

Nature: A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions.

Services: Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community. There is a fee.

Security: Call or write.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

Nature: An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave, Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.

Nature: TV/TS publishing house.

Services: Publishes TV/TS Talk bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. TV/TS Talk is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues. $3.50 per issue; $21.00 per year.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 776-8503. Kymberleigh Richards, Editor & Publisher.

Nature: Monthly non-sexual, non-fiction newsletter. Also publishes semi-annual Southern California resource guide.

Services: News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials, make-up and fashion tips, psychological insights, significant others column, original comic strips, national events listings, and feature articles. $21.00/year, $42.00/2 years (US - write for foreign rates). Sample issue $2.00.

Security: Mailing list kept confidential, accessed only by publisher.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P.O. Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

Services: News, events, photograms, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles. $7.00

THE AMERICAN CROSSDRESSER: Chevalier Publications, P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.

Nature: A magazine for crossdressers designed to replace Transvestia.

FOCUS: FOCUS, c/o Stephen Roberts, P O Box 215354, Sacramento CA 95821

Nature: A newsletter written by and for the female to male TS. Provides a place for fellow FTMs to share their feelings and experiences, and make new friends.

TV GUISE: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Nature: Monthly newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available for $1.50 each plus a SASE. Does not accept advertising. Does accept interactive submissions of letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems, etc.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O. 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

Nature: A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE TRANSIE TIMES: T.T.T., 566 Parliament St, Toronto, ON M4X 1P8 Canada.

Nature: A monthly tabloid dedicated to transvestites and their followers.

THE CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER: Canadian Crossdresser, 429C Dundas Street East, Toronto, CANADA M5A 2A9.

Nature: Monthly non-sexual magazine for and about crossdressers, tanssexuals, and female impersonators. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information, or send $6 for current sample issue.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Ant Building 2F 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-ku, Tokyo 136, Japan.

Nature: Publisher of Queen Magazine, Japan's premier crossdresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices unknown at press time.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF TIIE UNITED STATES (SIECUS): SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St; Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036 (212) 819-9770 FAX (212) 819-9776

Nature: SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: See: COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

THESAN FRANCISCO BAYGAY AND LESBIAN IIISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

Nature: Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons.

Services: Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: TGA, c/o Dr. Richard Ekins, Ulster University, Magee College, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JL, Northern Ireland.

Nature: A non-profit academic research and study facility.

Services: Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes Archive News a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

Security: One hundred percent, closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCII PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230.

Nature: Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background.

Security: Parental approval required. The security of each tecnager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

I.F.G.E. IIISTORICAL RESEARCII PROJECT: N. Cole, P O Box 241, Leavenworth KS 66048.

Nature: Historical research project sponsored by the IFGE Educational Resources committee. Researching the history of TV/TS organizations from 1950 to the prescnt. The purposes are to capture the story of individuals and organizations, to create a permanent record, and provide a comprehensive education resource.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: Box 126, Northridge CA 91328 Dr. Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., Director, Department of Psychology, California State University Northridge, Northridge CA 91330; (818) 885-2828.

Nature: Individual and marital counselling for TVs, TSs, and their significant others; research on gender issues.

Services: Counselling and research on gender issues. (Dr. Richard Doctor's new book, Transvestites and Transsexuals: Toward a Theory of Cross-Gender Behavior is nowavailable from I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778. $29.50 plus $2.50 shipping and handling.)

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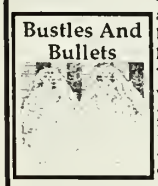

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MASSACHUSETTS (010- 027-)

SUSAN A. (MA) (#63)

Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

Susan A. (MA-0064)

AUDREY M. (E MA) (#61)

Member TCNE. MWM bi-TV, 54, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV storics. "Would like to have a few TV ,ricnds for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

Neil Moses, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134 (MA-0280)

JANICE II. (E MA) (#64)

Member TCNE, Tri-Ess, TV Entertainers, NY. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

Janice H. (MA-0254)

SUZANNE C. (E MA) (#64)

Member TCNE. DWM, over 50, strong TS tendencies. Interests include computers, cooking, being Suzie as much as possible. Would love to be a housewife. "I prefer my feminine self and live at home as a woman, although I still work as a man. Feel completely comfortable and natural as Suzie, always think and act as a woman. Would be delighted to hear from you."

Suzanne C. (MA-0295)

VALERIE VINCENT (E MA) (#62)

Member TCNE, IFGE. Centerfold in the Transvestian. 5' 10", 145, blue eyes, wear nails over two inches long. Interested in writing to TVs, TSs and women; fashion, makeup, photo sessions. Love being a woman. "Am preop TS, just starting on hormone therapy. Want to correspond with TVs, TSs, and women who find TSs interesting. Will write to all. Would like to meet others for lunch, shopping, and talk."

Occupant, Box 8341, JFK Station, Boston MA 02114 (MA-0273)

RHONDA SMITH (E MA) (#64)

Supporting member of IFGE. Attended Tri-Ess conventions, TCNE P-Town Outing. TG, 5'6", 130 pounds, blue-eyes, blonde, nondrinker, nonsmoker. Interested in travel, photography, classical music, and clothing design. "If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, who's holding her?"

Rhonda S. (MA-0317)

HOLLY CROSS (MA) (#99)

IFGE Board of Directors, IFGE Staff. Member TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, IFGE Convention, Shangri-La, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing. SWM TV, mid-60's. Lives alone except for a lot of VHF ham gear and about 200 size 20 outfits. Fairly active, goes to many concerts dressed, has been to over 15 outings. Looks like a proper Boston lady, and is having a hell of a good time. "Try to answer all letters, but no guarantee."

Holly C. (MA-0279)

SHARON McGRATH (MA) (#63)

Member TCNE, IFGE. Attended Fantasia Fair and Tiffany Club Provincetown Outings. WM, bi-TS/

TV, 40, 5'5", 140, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in makeup, shopping, quiet dinners and evenings, romanee, and becoming a woman full-time.

Ms. Sharon MeGrath (MA-0504)

EVE B. (E MA) (#67)

Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."

Eve B. (MA-0508)

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (E MA) (#61)

Member TCNE. MWM, 40, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood, TS inclinations. Interested in music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running. "I enjoy long walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun."

Heather A. (MA-0661)

MARCIA JOHNSON (E MA) (#62)

Member TCNE. Participant Tiffany Club's Provincetown Outing. 5'9", 140, 42, shoulder-length blond hair. Attractive in-between would like to hear from other in-betweens who enjoy shopping, dining and daneing, and weekend getaways.

Marcia J. (MA-0666)

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON (E MA) (#63)

Member TCNE. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship and like interests."

Judith T. (MA-0733)

SUSAN ELIZABETH R. (MA) (#64)

SWM TV, 53, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

Susan Elizabeth R. (MA-0839)

VALERIE PAULSEN (E MA) (#62)

Member Tiffany Club of New England. Awards: Fantasia Fair Ms Cinderella '85. Divorced intersexual. 45, 5'11", 145. Enjoy rock and new music, movies, science, SF, night life, dancing, beaches. Never watch TV. Passionate entrepreneurial interest in laser show technology. "Love to meet someone to share all this with, and maybe more. I don't date men."

Valerie Paulsen, P.O. Box 259, Watertown, MA 02272-0259 (MA-0780)

RACHEL L. (MA) (#62)

Attended Fantasia Fair, Be All. "Mature male (late 50's) with TG lifestyle desires to meet persons with TG interests for long-term friendships and possibly shared living arrangement in Boston and/or Provincetown areas. Varied interests and serious discussion desired. Let's explore the mature years together."

Boxholder, P O Box 645, Charlestown MA 02129 (MA-0842)

SUE FANON (W MA) (#63)

SWM TV, 35, 5'10", 160, brown eyes & hair, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine. Would like to meet other TVs, TSs and understanding women to help with makeup, wardrobe, femininity, etc. Would consider honest relationship with right person."

Boxholder, P O Box 2432, Pittsfield MA 01201 (MA-0983)

LILA WALTON (MA) (#61)

For personal description, see Personal Listing in Tapestry issue #60. "Interested in connecting gender people to employers and vice versa. I am establishing a Gender Job Net."

L. Walton, P O Box 36, Harvard MA 01451 (MA-1381)

EDITH S. (MA) (#62)

MWM, TS, 48, three children, investment counselor. Interests include squash, tennis, acting, travel, outdoor work, classical music. "I would like to talk with, meet TSs/TVs of similar background and situation to discuss how to cope with spouse, children, job, and M-F transition."

Edith S. (MA-1519)

MICHELLE LANGE (E MA) (#64)

MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view, housekeeping, etc. Would enjoy correspondence with others out there who enjoy the same either from the maid's or superior's viewpoint. I collect and write stories on my experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. Please, no S&M or B&D."

Boxholder, Box 1065, Burlington, MA 01803 (MA-1008)

ARLENE SUSAN L. (E MA) (#61)

MWM hetero closet TV, 47, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman. Love nylons, heels, and lingerie. Cautiously venturing into beautiful world of femininity, after years in closet. I love my femininity and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

Arlene L. (MA-1648)

DIANE D. (E MA) (#63)

5'9", 175, married with children. Interested in MacIntosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion. "Would love to hear from other married TVs who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"

Diane D. (MA-1776)

MARGARITA AMANDA R. (E MA) (#63)

Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Be-All '88,'89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

Margarita R. (MA-1815)

CAROLYN NELSON (E MA) (#63)

Member Tiffany Club of New England. Participant Poconos Weekend. TV, 170, tall, but passes well. Likes very much to go out. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in passing, making lasting friendships with other TV's.

Carolyn N. (MA-1829)

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND (SE MA) (#64)

Member Tiffany Club. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Married, 6', 170, 44, CD, with fashionable tates. Interested in CD videos, crossdressing, sports, developing a support group for CDs in SE MA. "So far I've received inspiration from numerous responses. Will meet soon. Join us! Write now!"

Chrystal Raymond (MA-1923)

LAUREN D. (MA) (#61)

5'10", 185, 30, married, hetero, monogamous CD with supportive wife. Enjoy most sports, camping, crossdressing, and improving image. "Wife and I wish to correspond and possibly meet with other CD couples in the North Shore area for friendship, understanding, and helping. Will answer all."

Lauren D. (MA-2047)

KATHY MASTERS (MA) (#62)

Early 40's, 5'11", WM Paramedical, loves to help people. "Love balance between masculine and feminine. Seeure in maseuline world, need security in feminine lifestyle. Honest, perfeet shoulder to ery on. Expert in London TV shops. Corsets, maids' costumes, and elegant dressing are my passions. Seek communication, meetings, and help from sisters."

Occupant, P O Box 558, Bolton, MA 01740 (MA-2038)

DIANA S. DWYER (W MA) (#61)

"I enjoy dressing as a woman. I am comfortable as either gender, although I rarely go out in public as a woman. I enjoy many aspects of creating a believeable illusion. I wish I had a real woman in my life. I am passable, lonely, and for the most part isolated. I would enjoy responses from warm, sincere, honest people. I am 25, a nonsmoker, and a decent letter writer."

Diana Dwyer, P O Box 4104, Pittsfield MA 01202 (MA-2146)

BOBBIE DAVIES (W MA) (#61)

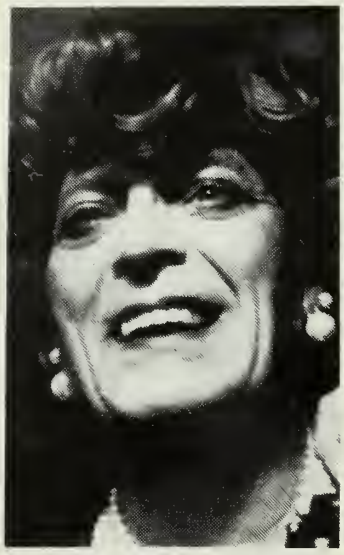
MWM, 42, hetero. Interested in tennis, martial arts, anything feminine. "Hi! My name is Bobbie. Been a TV as long as I can remember. Love lingerie, negligees, and being a woman. I wear bra and panties every day, and soft silky negligees to bed at night. My wife knows, does not understand, but accepts me as I am. Need to be a woman. Need a pen pal for girl talk. Write soon."

Bobbie Davies, P O Box 1518, Pittsfield MA 01201 (MA-2238)

NANCY REYNOLDS (E MA) (#61)

IFGE Educational Resources Committee secretary (always wanted to be one . . .) "Walking the scary road towards womanhood: brave on the outside, chicken at heart. Active in IFGE; will never be able to repay our community enough. Workaholic engineer, quiet, but excitable. Lonely single, but blessed with supportive family, friends, and workplaee. Love musie, singing, playing the guitar. Looking for good songs for our eommunity."

Nancy Reynolds (MA-2160)



JENNIFER EDWARDS (SE MA) (#62)

Participant Fantasia Fair, Paradise in Poconos, IFGE Convention. In 60's, 5'10", 150, 16. Interested in sewing, writing fiction and nonfiction, photography, computers, sailing, gardening, and wines. "Eager to write and meet others of all interests. Would like to form Cape Cod area group."

Jennifer E. (MA-2249)

SYLVIA FASHIONS (MA) (#63)

"Older TV loves to dress up, but not into extensive makeup or passing in public. Have good legs. Interested in fetish and bondage, but basically a sensitive and caring person. Love high heels, both yours and mine. Also like wasp waists and fashion belts. Willing to share large collection of self-videos. Contaet outside the Hartford-Springfield area difficult."

Sylvia Fashions, 54 Hazard Ave Suite 302, Enfield CT 06082 (MA-2430)

JOY SPENCER (MA) (#63)

Married with supportive wife. Just 40. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember, have only recently begun to move through the fear and guilt. Like to correspond with individuals or couples traveling the road to acceptance. Havc adopted the name Joy because that is what I hope to find with acceptance."

Joy S. (MA-2530)

MARIE ALLEN (E MA) (#63)

Member Tiffany Club of New England. 5'10", 190. Interested in golf, computers, designing clothes, modeling outfits, hostessing with a friend. "Am somewhat out of the eloset, have passed (I think) on several oceasions. Write TV fantasies about boys who are eneouraged to wear girls' clothes by one or both parents. The heroines wind up loving it and becoming thc parents' daughter."

Marie Allen (MA-2729)

STEPHANIE PETERS (MA) (#61)

33, 5'4", supportive wife. Interested in meeting others who share my lifelong fascination with successful transformation of males into beautiful females. "Would like to correspond and exehange photos with passable CDs, TVs, and TSs."

Stephanie P. (MA-3031)

SUZANNE H. (NW MA) (#61)

43, trim, 156. Interested in jogging, shopping. "Love modeling evening gowns. Looking for a friend to help bring out the best in both of us. Can travel. Still in the closet and would like to share my first evening out with a friend. Have been dressing for years."

Suzanne H., P O Box 209, Pinehurst MA 01866 (MA-2866)

DANIEL L. (E MA) (#61)

Masculine white male, 37, 6', 195, brown hair, brown eyes. Airline employee, recreational traveler. "I am interested in corresponding with, and meeting pretty, petite, together TVs or pre-op TSs in Boston, Chicago, D.C., and other major North Amerian cities, for a lady companion, tour guide. I enjoy nightlife, dinner, dancing, and intimate evenings together."

Daniel L. (MA-2924)

TRACI S. (MA) (#61)

Member TCNE. SW pre-op TS, 30, 5'2", 115, brunette, hazel eyes, passable, 4/5. "Lifelong female side of me is finally happening and I love it. Must work in male drab for now. Recently branched out to clubs, restaurants, and shopping malls, but look forward to attending some TV/TS events. Looking for passable TV/TSs for straight nightclub scene, and to correspond for support."

Traci S., Box 143, Medway MA 02053 (MA-2942)

JOAN R. (E MA) (#61)

35, 6', mostly hetero, somewhat passable. "Enjoy escaping from the stresses of profession by dining and clubbing at nice places. Undergoing experiential learning explosion after all these years of repression. Loving wife struggling to understand, but supportive. Remembering the anguish before diseovering IFGE, Tapestry, TCNE, etc., I would like to help."

Joan R. (MA-2841)

CHRISTINE KORDA (MA) (#61)

Member Tiffany Club of New England. Participated in TCNE Provincetown Outing in 1991. "Bi-CD would like to meet interesting, creative people in E MA. Am a computer programmer, musician, artist, peace activist, and vegetarian Buddhist. My interests include history, politics, philosophy, photography, art films, and the Tarot. Let's build a friendship with caring and trust. Photo a must."

Christine K. (MA-3044)

KAY LEE (MA) (#63)

MWM, 6', 185, mid 40's, hetero. Married to understanding wife, but not in her presence. Interested in body building, sailing, learning about my feminine self. "Have been dressing since twelve, but have not had a full dressing experience. Spent last year in therapy looking for who I am. Just joined a group. Am finding out about the real me and wish to correspond with others who find this as much of a struggle as I do. As the song says, 'Let it Be.'"

Kay Lee (MA-2787)

GEORGIA A. (MA) (#61)

Bi, W, married, novice TV, 5'11", 190 and losing. Interested in camping, bowling, writing, movies, auto rallies, astronomy, new age music, making new friends. "Like to meet people in New England. Wife is not understanding, so I must be discreet. Need help learning how to become a woman. All letters will be answered."

Georgia A. (MA-3074)

MICHELLE C. (MA) (#62)

DWM, 5'9", 165, brown eyes, long black hair. Interested in shopping, makeup, projecting better image. "Drifted away for a few years, would now like to pick up where I left off. Like to become an active member of our society again, meet and correspond with others with feminine interests. Please write."

Occupant, P O Box 801, Marlboro MA 01752 (MA-3139)

SHARON LOVELY (MA) (#62)

Member Tiffany Club of New England. 5'6", medium build, blue eyes, black hair, 29, WM, bi TV. Interested in dressing, fishing, and shopping. "Would like to have a sisterly relationship with a TV my age. Will correspond with TVs too far away to meet."

Sharon Lovely, P O Box 235, Worcester MA 01613 (MA-3122)

DENISE S. (MA) (#62)

DWM, CD, 40, 5'8", 140. Interested in nature, gardening, tennis, acceptance of life path. "Need courage and support to get out of closet. Wish to meet accepting women, TV/TSs in western MA, for friendship and guidance. Want to learn to deal with these desires, and to integrate the two different people I am, depending on the clothes worn."

Boxholder, P O Box 60524, Florence MA 01060 (MA-3143)

ALYCIA DAVIS (MA) (#63)

Member IFGE. Attended Fantasia Fair '91 - Ms Cinderella. Pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 145, 42. Interested in oil painting, guitar, writing. "Just starting 'my' life. Wish to meet or correspond with others traveling the same path, or who have arrived."

Alycia Davis (MA-3210)

APRIL SUZANNE H. (MA) (#62)

MWM, 35, TV/TS, 5'10", 155, CD since age 5. Happily married, supportive spouse, no children. Interested in being femme, hiking, motorsports, music, reading, and science. "Intelligent, friendly, and caring. Dress constantly at home, occasionally in public. Would like to become more involved in the TV/TS community, and get out more. Please write."

A. S. Hilliard, P O Box 1044, Charlton City MA 01508-1044 (MA-3216)

ROBERTA STEEL (MA) (#62)

Member CT Outreach Society, TCNE. 6'5", 20, 49, firmly married TV. Interested in steam engines, model railroading, dress making, a Western Mass TV/TS support group. "On way out of closet and enjoy expressing my femininity rather than suppressing it. Like to hear from TV/TSs, especially those who would like to get together as a group in Western Mass."

Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01039 (MA-3247)

SHERI MACDONALD (MA) (#63)

Member of the Sunshine Group. WDM, TV, 35, kind, honest, understanding, single parent of three. Tired of living in the closet. Clean and sober six years. "Would like to meet understanding and sympathetic friends in the CD community. Will welcome and answer all. Hope to make many new friends."

Sheri MacDonald, P O Box 1864, Pittsfield MA 01202 (MA-3378)

KEVIN M. (MA) (#63)

29, attractive, SWM. Interested in bicycling, hiking, camping out, sports, and history. "Former gender dysphoric empathetic to transsexual issues. Seeking transsexual for permanent relationship."

Kevin M. (MA-3277)

ALICE W. (MA) (#62)

SWM, 5'8", 160, 35. Interested in reading, cooking, music, and hiking. "Crossdressing since childhood. Still in closet, but willing to explore. Like to correspond and possibly meet. Will answer all letters."

Alice W. (MA-3279)

TINA R. (MA) (#63)

WM, CD, 5'8", 26, brown eyes, brown hair, size 12. "Have been dressing since about age twelve. Finally accepting this side of me and anxious to experience more of the role of a woman. Looking to meet someone special to share the different possibilities. Very passable, but need encouragement and help from another dresser to go out with and take photos, etc."

Tina R. (MA-3407)

JULIE P. (MA) (#63)

Married CD, 160, 5'7", 30, passable, hetero. Interested in photography, art, travel, shopping. "Married to an understanding wife, but need to make friends in the gender community. Honest, discreet, and caring. Wish to correspond with CDs for support and friendship. Would like to meet others in W MA area to help me with my first night out. Please write."

Julie P. (MA-3491)

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

ANDREA K. (RI) (#63)

5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery,

makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

Andrea K. (RI-1771)

CHARLY OLSON (RI) (#61)

Member Rhode Island Society. 6', 175. Interested in fishing, boating, and spending as much time as possible as Charly. "Interested in meeting others in the local area and hoping to help organize a support group. Love to exchange photos and make new friends. I've been 29 years old for the last 11 years!"

Charly Olson, P O Box 1140, Coventry RI 02816 (RI-2157)

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER (RI) (#62)

Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a support group in RI."

Gwendolyn Spencer, P O Box 3453, Newport RI 02840 (RI-2207)

JULIE WATERS (RI) (#62)

Founder TRANSGEN computer network. Feminist pre-op transsexual with interest in progressive music, cinema, and theater. "Would love to form an acting/performing group progressive in gender/sexuality issues. Drop me a line."

Julie Waters, P O Box 23040, Providence RI 02903 (RI-3340)

MARCIE P. (RI) (#63)

Married, 5'5", 180, 18, wife doesn't accept. Interested in SCUBA diving, dressing, cooking, being feminine. "Would love to meet others in northern RI, SE MA, singles or couples."

Marcie P. (RI-3432)

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

CAROL E. DURETTE (NH) (#62)

"Hello out there! I'm looking for a soulmate who likes today's country music, home cooking, cats, and the 'feminine condition.' Be you male or female, if you like TS gals, please write to me by all means. I'll answer all letters promptly. Photos would be appreciated."

C. E. Durette, P O Box 3706, Manchester NH 03105 (NH-0890)

KERRI R. (NH) (#64)

Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends and making new contacts."

Kerri R. (NH-1095)

ANDREA LYNCH (S NH) (#61)

SWM, 26, full-time college student, part-time working stiff. "It's hard to integrate two lives, but I do try to get out when I can. Would like companions in the S NH, N MA to get out with Interests range from the Stooges to Star Trek, astronomy to zoology."

Andrea Lynch, P O Box 243, Londonderry NH 03053 (NH-1210)

JODI B. (NH) (#62)

WM TV, 30's, 6', 200. Interested in athletics, linguistics, beekeeping, running, ephemera, gadgetry, and history. "Adventurous, curious, open-minded individual new to area seeks contacts with people in our community who have humor, compassion, and discretion."

Jodi B. (NH-1457)

DIANE O. (NH) (#61)

WM TV, 5'6", blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in everything from a to z. "Looking for a TV, TS, or GG who would like to help me finally get out and do things. Am in need of a friend. Please send photo and phone. Will answer all."

Diane O. (NH-1476)

MONICA WHITNEY (NH) (#62)

TV, 30ish, 6', statuesque build. Interested in sports, photography, music, being Monica. "Love the feeling that being Monica brings to me. Looking for supportive sisters to correspond and meet with. Just need a little nudge to get me through the closet door. If possible, send photo."

Monica W. (NH-1528)

RITA MOSES (NH) (#61)

Bi, WM, TV, 26, 5'10". Pass 50%. Doing electrolysis. "Wish to exchange photo and phone in New England for correspondence and outings shopping, dining, clubs, . . . Want to explore the scene for TV/TSs in Boston. Seek long-term friendships and relationships. Will date exceptional guys."

Rita M. (NH-3090)

ALISON H. (formerly MICHELLE HALL) (NH) (#63)

Member TCNE. Participant Coming Together '90. Awards Miss Cinderella, Fantasia Fair, '90. S, 5'9", 140, 41, trim, fit, and passable. Quiet, sensitive, articulate, excited about exploring my female self. "Aerobatics pilot, artist, software engineer, and writer. Enjoy meeting intelligent, articulate, sensitive people, and have made many new friends through my gender exploration."

Alison H. (NH-2490)

DAWN A. (NH) (#61)

MWM, 6', 195, 59, pre-op TS. "Have not started to dress full-time yet, but doing well on electrolysis and hormones. Enjoy shopping, walking, '50's music and good company. Will answer all letters."

Dawn A. (NH-2206)

DANIE M. (NH) (#62)

Blonde, blue eyed, petite, 5'7", 127, 8/9, leggy, passable TV, with ultra femme figure. Interested in music, female behavior and grooming. "Have wonderful male/female friends who understand and appreciate me as a 'woman.' Would like to hear from anyone interested in general change. Will try to answer all."

Danie M., P O Box 16161, Hooksett NH 03106-6161 (NH-3161)

DANIE M. (NII-3161)

MAINE (038- 047-)

FREDA F. (ME) (#61)

TV, 5'8", 180, 47. "Understanding wife. Second marriage. Would like to hear from and meet others in the northeast. I travel throughout the northeast."

Freda F. (ME-2985)

LYNDA ANNE V. (ME) (#61)

Member TransSupport. MWM, TS, 5'9", 50's, fair, blue eyes. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, acoustic guitar, Romantic novels, and being feminine. "Crossdressed since early age, often out in last ten years. Passable, but family situation and small town location prevent my going out locally. Seeking TV/TS girlfriends, mid-coast area or lower ME."

Lynda Anne V. (ME-3007)

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H. (VT) (#61)

Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, Tiffany Winter Outing, Poconos Weekend, Texas T-party. "Enjoying my female self no end, and getting better all the time. Out of the closet regularly. Kids and young girls read me but who cares? Like to hear from others. I answer all mail promptly."

Helene H. (VT-2021)

JILL ALISON G. (VT) (#63)

S CD, 33, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, passable, shave body (hate body hair), in closet, but want out. Interested in board sailing, biking, cooking, walks, sunsets, and dressing. "Like to meet and correspond with CDs, TVs, TSs, GGs, and pretty boys. Am clean and discreet and expect the same. SASE and photo get reply."

Jill Alison G. (VT-3437)

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA GOLDSNIDER (CT) (#64)

SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to cross-dress. Like to meet couples and females for girl talk and friendships. Live alone in a small house in the country."

Carla G. (CT-0212)

RENEE CARROLL (CT) (#63)

Member NWGA, Crossroads. SWM hetero TV, 40+, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Other pursuits include cooking, travel, outdoors, photography.

Renee C. (CT-0292)

DARLENE S. ROSS (CT) (#62)

MWM, hetero CD, 5'8", 168, 60, retired, quiet and sincere. Love all things feminine. Wife knows, but is not supportive. Interested in sports, travel, music, and reading. "Not passable, but working on it. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with same."

Darlene S. Ross, 167 Cherry St, Suite 114, Milford CT 06460 (CT-0838)

ANDREA G. (CT) (#63)

Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."

Andrea G. (CT-0425)

DAWN H. (CT) (#64)

Attended Fantasia Fair '84-'91, Coming Together '90. 5'10", 150, 46 years young. Sincere and caring. Interested in sewing own and others' clothing, '50's & '60's music and cars, water skiing, reading, and cooking. "It's been a long time to decide, but I know where I am going. S.O. and family know. Starting transition. Would like to hear from others."

Dawn H. (CT-0858)

SUSAN MACDONALD (CT) (#61)

Member CGS & COS. 6'1 3/4" 155, 45, M-F TS. Interested in pipe organs, model railroading, cats, the outdoors, and cool forests. Go out to concerts and recitals. "Have found one of the greatest satisfactions to be helping others in their quest for gender congruence. Love to hear from TVs, TSs, and GGs."

Susan M. (CT-1463)

MICHELLE KAY (CT) (#66)

Married, hetero, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, late 40's.
"Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, helpful crossdressers."

Michelle Kay, P O Box 679, Avon CT 06001 (CT-1490)

SAL CARBONE (CT) (#61)

Member ETVC. Retired life-long TV with understanding wife. "Would enjoy hearing how others started dressing and what they do now."

Sal Carbone, P O Box 8150, Manchester CT 06040 (CT-1272)

RACHEL F. BOYCE (CT) (#63)

Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

Ms Rachel F. Boyce, P O Box 985, Windsor CT 06095 (CT-1903)

RAMONA G. (S CT) (#64)

Member of TCNE. Attended Fantasia Fair '88-'91, Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Awards Banquets '89-'91, Miss Provincetown, 1991. 64, 5'11", 180, MWM, hetero TV. Supportive wife and daughter. "Just love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out for days at a time, shopping en femme. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of crossdressing and being Ramona."

Ramona G., P O Box 171, Montville CT 06353 (CT-1948)

RONI THOMPSON (CT) (#62)

Masculine, muscular, professional male. "Would love to wine, dine, and dance with any passable TV/TS who would like a sympathetic, empathetic escort to highlight their femininity."

Ron Thompson, Box 5962 Bayview Station Bridgeport CT 06610 (CT-2477)

DIANE D. (CT) (#61)

Member COS. SWM TV, 18 ultra tall, 36. Interested in golf, skiing, six years 12 step experience. "New to scene. Complete transformation only recently. CD for many years. Looking forward to the journey and some friends to share it with. Discreet. Will answer all ASAP with photo, phone, and note."

Diane D. (CT-2962)

TREVOR ALEXANDER (CT) (#64)

Sharp, SWM, 34, post-op TS (both operations), 5'7", 165, blonde, beard. Interested in personal growth, comedy, discussion, movies, music, nature, art, fun, fitness, & sports. "Like to make contact with: MTF TS, post- or pre-op (as long as full-time with plans), for friendship and possible relationship; GM, TV/CDs for friendship & support, & women; and other FTMs & professional researchers."

Trevor Alexander (CT-2886)

LORI Z. (CT) (#63)

6', 190, 60's. Healthy, educated, with a sensuous attitude. "Like to share my femininity with TV/TS females and couples. Please write so we can explore our femininity together."

Lori Z. (CT-2610)

HEATHER M. (CT) (#62)

BiSWM. Interested in dressing, pool, making friends. "Coming out this time for real. Like to meet all interested in becoming friends and supporters."

N. Milles, P O Box 4124, Yalesville CT 06492 (CT-3218)

MICHELLE LEMKE (CT) (#63)

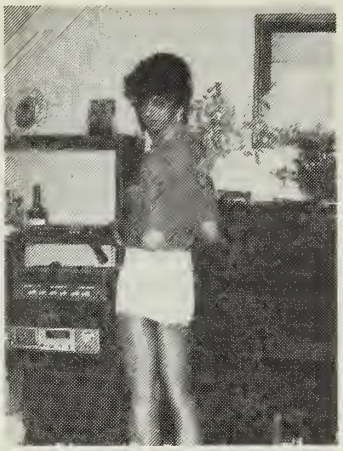
Member of Harriet Lane's, Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme '88, Be All '89, '90. Awarded Youngest Member Tri-Ess '88. Bi-TV, 22, 5'8", 125, attractive, and passable. Interested in reading about TV/TS fantasy. "Looking to correspond and meet with other TV/TSs for friendship and going out dressed, and possibly a relationship."

Michelle L. (CT-3221)

ANDREA STEVENS (CT) (#63)

Member COS. Happily married, hetero CD, 5'8", 155, early 40's, quiet and sincere professional. Interested in running and cycling, reading and skiing. "After twenty years in closet, recently joined support group. Like heels, hose, petticoats, and pretty dresses. Wife aware and tolerant. Like to hear from couples with a balanced approach to crossdressing."

Andrea S. (CT-3244)



JACKIE ELLIS (CT) (#62)

Bi-WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "Ex-pro musician working as an engineer, but first love is dressing up. Would like to correspong, swap photos, and meet other TVs."

Jackie Ellis, Box 1226, New Britain CT 06050 (CT-3301)

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

SUZIE M. (N NJ) (#67)

MWM, late 40's, Bi-TV, 6'1", loves lingerie, nylons, and high heels. "Have been dressing all my life. Would like to meet other bi sisters to share fantasies."

Suzie M. (NJ-0686)

ELENA LEWIS (NJ) (#64)

Member Metropolitan Gender Network. S TV, trim and petite, late 30's. Intelligent, sensitive, demure, and affectionate. Active in NY area gender community. Enjoy dining and cultural activities. "Enjoy dating mature men. Knowing how limited prospects can be, seek other sisters to share interests. No heavy tobacco smoke."

Elena Lewis (NJ-1200)

LISA MARTIN (N NJ) (#64)

Attended Fantasia Fair '90 & '91. "MWM, 6'1", 175, CD. Choose to nurture female side of my nature, love feminine dressing, especially heels. Like to correspond for mutual sharing, support, and possible shopping and club outings. Glass is half full. Other interests include psychology, shopping, running, tennis, dancing, and the beach."

Lisa M. (NJ-1853)

KATHERINE H. (N NJ) (#64)

Member TGIC. Participant Fantasia Fair, IFGE Convention, Be All, Coming Out, Spring Fling. 6', brown hair, pre-op TS. Loves music, humor, corresponding, and helping others. "Do stand-up comedy, Broadway poetry, and all things feminine. Rap group moderator. Love to travel, housework, gardening, talking, and answering letters."

Katherine H. (NJ-2073)

GINA R. (NJ) (#61)

MWM, hetero, TV, 38, 5'11", 210 (and dieting). Interested in cooking, literature, all films, and TV/TS fiction. "Enjoy corresponding with fellow TVs/TSs. Wife knows, not very supportive. Love complete transformation, and seek a gentle, earthy, feminine look. Will answer all."

Gina R. (NJ-2278)

DEE J. (NJ) (#61)

Member TGIC. Participant Fantasia Fair, Poconos Weekend (First Runner-up Miss Pocono, '91), P'town Outing '90 & '91. SWM, TS, 6', 47, 170, educated, friend of Bill W. 8 years. Interested in photography, going out, dancing, video, stock cars. "Dressing since teens. Dress almost daily. Wish to meet TV/TSs, and those who care about us."

Dee J. (NJ-2337)

SHARON DAVIDSON (N NJ) (#62)

Member the Gathering. 46, pre-op TS, married, wife very accepting. Nine-year-old son loves Sharon. Interested in family and drum and bugle corps. "Therapy and hormones soon. Like to meet and write to other TSs, particularly in Northern NJ. Will help all I can. Live mostly as Sharon."

Sharon D. (NJ-2342)

ELISE P. (NJ) (#62)

SWM, 31. "Shy, scared, but taking my first steps out of my coeoon. Love to hear from anyone who has the desire, and patience to help Elise fully emerge. Other interests include Medieval art and culture, Fellini films, SF fantasy books, and ballet. Will reply to all."

Elise P. (NJ-2391)

TERRY M. (S NJ) (#62)

Member Renaissance. Participant Poconos Weekend, Paradise in the Poconos. SM CD, 37, 5'8", brown eyes & hair. "Grateful to be out of the closet. I have enjoyed much growth and self-acceptance through interaction and sharing with other gender people."

Terry M. (NJ-2400)

JOANNE MICHELLE W. (NJ) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess. Bi SWM, TV, 35, 6'3", 220. Brown hair and eyes. Pass well. Open-minded, sincere. Interested in photography, writing, everything feminine, horror movies, and shopping. "Like to correspond/meet other TVs, TSs to be the lady I am. Like to hear from members of the TG community. Seek to come out. Photo would help."

Joanne W. (NJ-2944)

KATHI LEIGH H. (NJ) (#61)

SWM, 39, 5'11", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, considered cute by friends. Interested in fishing, photography, new age music, nature walks, biking, and quiet evenings at home. "Mostly in the closet CD. Go out once in awhile at night, dressed. Wish to meet or hear from TV/TS or GG to help. Shy and easy to get along with."

Kathi Leigh H. (NJ-3024)

CAROLINE G. (NJ) (#61)

Member of Tri-Ess. 6'3", 220, 22T, MWM, wife slightly less than indifferent. Interested in crossdressing, my business, and aviation. "Closet is driving me insane. Need contact with TV/CD/TS in Bergen County, NJ. Like to spend at least one day in the sun in a skirt and heels. Discretion an absolute must."

Caroline G. (NJ-3070)

BILLIE MATTEO (NJ) (#61)

TS, 5'7", 160, 35. Interested in photography, computers and communications, music, and dancing. "After years of denial, I'm on the right track. Trying to get local support group going, would like to hear from others going through transition."

Billie Matteo, P O Box 9, Allenhurst NJ 07711 (NJ-3097)

JODIE H. (NJ) (#62)

SWM, hetero, late thirties, 5'10", 155, 10-12. Interested in love jazz, old movies, cars, stereos, dining out. "Been crossdressing my whole life. Still in the closet, but wish to pass. Love to meet other TV/TSs for friendship and get-togethers in NJ-NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly."

Jodie H. (NJ-3136)

NAT P. (NJ) (#61)

F-M TS, first operation completed. Short, stocky, educated, oriented to other men only. "Seek a loving and loyal mate. A non-smoker and non-drinker, I need a life-time mate. I'm in my early 50's and live a very quiet (and, right now, solitary) life."

Nat P. (NJ-3120)

MICHELLE BOLLINS (NJ) (#61)

5'8", 165. "Drummer. Single TV, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoy music, sports, and dressing fully. Never been out. Like to meet another TV to push me out and help me dress. Please write. I will answer."

Michelle B. (NJ-3150)

BABS C. (NJ) (#62)

Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM, late 40's. Supportive and understanding loving wife. Interested in twentieth century art, music, standardbred horses, tennis, decorating, and shopping. "As my alter ego I find contentment and excitement, and escape from stress, whether as my own woman, or as my wife's submissive."

Babs C. (NJ-3219)

PORSCHEA ANN P. (NJ) (#63)

5'5", 140, mid 20's, 7/9 & slim. Dance to 50's and house music. Interested in hot-rod cars, road racing, and dressing up club style. "Goal is to pass. Any young TV/TSs in the area who could help? Will take advice. Look forward to corresponding with TV/TSs and women."

Porschea Ann P. (NJ-3297)

DONNA R. (NJ) (#62)

Member Renaissance. 5'10", blue eyes, 41, MWM, CD. Interested in psychology, outdoor activities, camping, hiking fishing, dressing. "Dressing since childhood, but only now working on acceptance and getting out of the closet. Love lingerie. Like to write about interests and experiences. Want to work on total look, and meet other sisters."

Donna R. (NJ-3270)

KAREN KEYES (NJ) (#62)

MWM, TV, 43, 5'11", 175. "Married CD with supportive wife. Attractive and feminine when dressed. We want to meet other TV couples for friendship and socializing. Can travel or entertain. Let's dress together. Will answer all. Photo appreciated. Sorry, no singles."

Karen Keyes, P O Box 141, Chester NJ 07930 (NJ-3309)

DENISE S. (NJ) (#62)

Done live fashion shows, photography, and magazines. 5'9", 135, hazel green eyes. Interested in being a woman and meeting women. "Taking female hormones many years. Love sharing ideas as well as shopping with women. Would love to work part time as Denise. Willing to train and/or learn more. Bi-females welcome."

Denise S. (NJ-3342)

CHRISTIE R. (NJ) (#63)

MWM, mid 50's, 6'3", 185, TV with TS tendencies. Interested in literature, classical music and jazz, gardening. "Still in the closet, but want out. Find it increasingly

difficult to go it alone. Need help in makeup. Wife knows, but doesn't understand. Will write, but nervous about meeting. Picture available."

Christie R. (NJ-3319)

AMANDA BARNETT (NJ) (#64)

5'7", 10, 145, 50, red hair, green eyes. Interested in writing, history. "Would like to correspond and exchange photos and share true life experiences."

Amanda Barnett, P O Box 110116, Nutley NJ 07110 (NJ-1060)

JANE T. (S. NJ) (#62)

MWM, hetero TV, 6', 200, 48. Interests include crossdressing, latex, living in the closet, and correspondence. "I will answer all in short order."

Jane T. (NJ-3487)

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT (N NY) (#62)

Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards Miss Fantasia Fair. Hetero TV, 50+, 6'2". A lady. Has many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. Loves to travel.

Mr. W. Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301 (NY-0228)

CONNIE TAYLOR (W NY) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society, Elaine Barrie Project. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. All letters promptly answered."

Connie Taylor, Box 0734, Jamestown NY 14702 (NY-0434)

CAMILE A. M. McLAUGHLIN (NY) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu, TCNE, among others.

Camile McLaughlin (NY-0582)

RENEE' SLOCUM (W NY) (#64)

Member CD-Network. SWM, 5'11", 160, hetero, 34, college educated. Interested in photography, ballet, R and R oldies, antiques. "Like to hear from CDs in Geneva and Finger Lakes area. CD for over 20 years. Not passable, but enjoy private feminine get-togethers. Like to hear from women interested in CDs."

Renee' Slocum, P O Box 977, Geneva NY 14456 (NY-0651)

ANGELA S. (W NY) (#63)

Member EON, TVA. Participant Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together. Awards EON Pioneer Award. 5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

Angela S. (NY-0719)

DELORES MERIIIGE (NY-0808)

DELORES MERIIIGE (SE NY) (#64)

Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

D. Merhige, P.O. Box 327, Massapequa Park NY 11762 (NY-0808)

JODIE PAULINO (W NY) (#63)

Member Rochester CD-Network, Tri-Ess. 43, happily married 20 years, 2 children, engineer. Interested in family, video, photography, cinema, gardening, swimming, computers (Prodigy Member). "Told wife in '86. She understands but does not accept. Enjoy meeting and helping new members of the Rochester CD Network."

Jodie Paulino, P O Box 15731, Rochester NY 14615, (NY-0973)

VICKIE STONE (SE NY) (#63)

Member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (published in Femme Mirror & Femanine, editor Lifelines), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys song-writing. Home recordist, avid photographer. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

Vickie Stone, Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551 (NY-1035)

JOANNE MARIE E. (NY-1224)

JOANNE MARIE E. (NY) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess. 6', 250, 57, married, lifelong CD. Wife knows, somewhat supportive. "I'm a big girl who loves everything feminine from mini-skirts to evening gowns. Enjoy meeting other CDs and corresponding and exchanging photos."

J. Enright, P O Box 251, Shrub Oak NY 10588 (NY-1224)

JOAN FASHIONS (N NY) (#61)

Participant Tiffany Club Spring Outing, TGIC April Shower Soiree. MWM TV/TG, 50's, retired. "Live mostly as Joan. Travel NYC/NJ area for shopping, socials, etc. Family grown and understanding. Letters with photo will receive prompt response."

Joan Fashions, P O Box 1756 S. Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12603 (NY-1220)

JAN ALYCE V. (NYC) (#64)

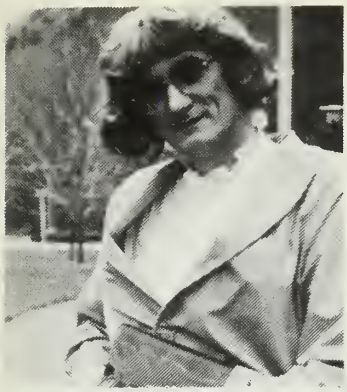
Member Tri-Ess. Participant Poconos Weekend, Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme. S 43, 5'11", 195. Interested in opera, classical music, shows, long-distance running. "Enjoy being out as a lady to the opera and museums. Also shopping and nights out at comfortable cabarets and restaurants in Manhattan. Let's share experiences."

Jan Alyce V. (NY-1187)

JUDITH W. BROWNING (NY) (#63)

White, 5'7", 350, 49, health conscious. "Seek the right M, F, or couple to treat me as the total woman I could be. No drugs. Please send detailed letter with picture and phone."

Judith W. Browning (NY-1678)



GRETCHEN L. (W NY) (#61)

Participant Fantasia Fair. 6'1", blue eyes, 195, good figure. Enjoys bike riding, hiking and crossdressing. "Would like to meet other TVs in the Buffalo NY area. Would like to have dinner out."

Gretchen L., P O Box 231, Celeron NY 14720 (NY-1359)

JULIE ANN C. (N NY) (#62)

Member TGIC. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88, '89, '90. Hetero TV, 52, 5'9". Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF.

Julie Ann C. (NY-1695)

JUDY H. (NY) (#64)

Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

J. Holhower, P O Box 370, New York NY 10150-0370 (NY-1920)

LAURA STONE (W NY) (#63)

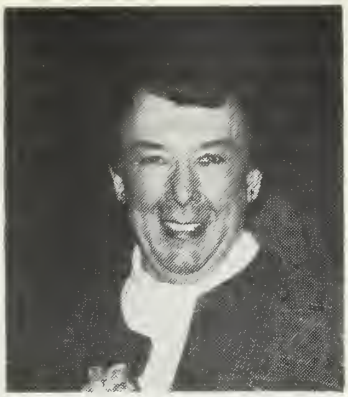
Member of CD Network. Attended Coming Together '91. 5'11", 13, TV, married. Interested in movies, arts, fashion. "Interested in correspondence, but am limited in time."

Laura Stone, P O Box 482, Amherst NY 14226 (NY-1924)

CONSTANCE LEE (W NY) (#64)

DWM, 40. Interested in computers, chess, and writing sisters. "Love being a Big Sister, sharing hopes, dreams, and special moments. Love to correspond. Will help with advice and listen when asked to be a friend. Please write."

C. Lee, P O Box 368, Derby NY 14047-0368 (NY-1929)



VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL (SE NY) (#62)

"Am Victoria and I love life. With care I will effect my destiny, helping those I can along the way. Dress, shop, dine, travel, go to concerts. I enjoy 'tinplate' railroading, and in love with a beautiful woman named Carla. 'I can never be a woman, but I will never be anything less than a lady.'"

Victoria N. (NY-1960)

DEE DEE ANN SUMMERS (SE NY) (#62)

Member of LIFE. 5'11", 165, blue eyes, 29, heterosexual CD with supportive wife. Enjoy dancing in NYC nightclubs, meeting and helping other CD's. "Been a CD as long as I can remember. Came to terms with my feminine self a few years ago, and have been happier ever since. It's been a long, hard road, but worth it."

Dee Dee Ann Summers, P O Box 4462, Great Neck NY 11021 (NY-2246)

CHRISTINA SCHULTZ (LI NY) (#64)

Single, hetero TV. Early 30's, 5'8", 140. Interested in rock and classical music, SF, and computers. "Been dressing since childhood, but still need help working on my feminine image. Looking to make some new friends."

Chris S., Box 233, Lindenhurst NY 11757 (NY-1981)

KATHERINE H. (NY) (#64)

Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89 & '90, Be All, Coming Out & Spring Fling in Albany. Was on "People are Talking" in Boston. 6', brown hair, pre-op TS. "Love music, humor, corresponding with and helping others. I do stand up comedy, Broadway poetry, and interested in all things feminine."

Katherine H. (NY-2073)

LILIAN FRANK (NYC NY) (#62)

Long-time CD, 45. "Would like to meet or correspond with any TVs or TSs (M-F or F-M) who feel there might be a 'spiritual dimension' to their condition."

Lilian F. (NY-2230)

MARJORIE THOMAS (NYC) (#62)

Member Chi Delta Mu. Attended Poconos weekend. SWM, 36, 5'7", 135. Interested in sports, classic rock, and taping drag on the tube. "Most comfortable dealing with dual personalities like mine. Like to correspond and meet with other TVs, and understanding women. Discrete, and do not want to hear from men."

Marjorie T. (NY-2266)

JENNIFER B. (LI NY) (#63)

MWM, mid 40's, 5'9", TV. Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. "Recently married; wife very supportive. Love lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs and TSs or anyone with like interests. Live on Long Island."

Jennifer B. (NY-2441)

ALEXANDRA McKAY (NYC) (#62)

Member CT Outreach. 41, 6', 245, white. Seeks friends in Staten Island, Elizabeth, Bayonne, NYC, Brooklyn, Queens. Enjoy classical music, war games, SF & computers.

Alexandra McKay, P O Box 140297, Staten Island NY 10314 (NY-2466)

VERONICA MARTIN (N NY) (#62)

Member TGIC. SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160. "The ultimate in femininity is dressing up in a square dance dress with a full petticoat and ruffled sissy panties. Want to meet understanding females."

Veronica Martin (NY-2482)

MARSHA WINGER (NYC) (#62)

Member Girl's Night Out, NYC, Tri-Ess. 40, Jewish, married, hetero TV. Interested in reading, especially history, and collecting unusual lamps. "Enjoy crossdressing, but I cannot do it much. Wife knows and is against it. She is Latin American, I need a Spanish-speaking wife or friend of a CD to explain it to her."

H. Winston, P O Box 1311, Wall St. Sta., NY NY 10268-1311 (NY-2491)

JANET LANG (NY) (#63)

SWM, 43, 5'9", 160, non-smoker, TV. Possibly bi. Soft-spoken feminine, discreet, attractive dresser. Interested in current events, electronics, reading, sewing, malls, TV-TS publications, lingerie, and

heels. "Seek women or passable TS's for friendship, dating, shopping, traveling as girls, and girl talk. Will date as a man, or could date a man. Prefer Queens, Long Island area."

Janet Lang (NY-2539)

VICTORIA MARIE W. (LI NY) (#63)

SWM, 6', hetero, size 16. Interested in SF, computers, tropical fish, trains. "Out of the closet, but not out of the house. Willing to write to any who advertise here."

Victoria Marie Weber (NY-2597)

SHARON ANN STUART (NY) (#64)

Member of Tri-Ess, TGIC. Attended Dreams, Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, was Miss Dream Community, 1977. MWM, 6', 165, 61, 14, blue eyes, brunette or redhead. "CD since age four. Virginia Prince let me out of the closet in 1968. Go out often. I write TV fiction and poetry. Wife tolerates, but rarely participates."

Sharon Ann S. (NY-2848)

LYNN K. (NY) (#64)

5'7", 35, 135, TS. Interested in photography, sailing, making new friends, reading. "Recently emerged TS. Would like to meet other GGs, TVs, or TSs to share ideas on dressing, getting out, shopping. Developing my female persona toward being a woman 100% of the time. All responses answered."

Lynn K., P O Box 1172, Amherst NY 14226 (NY-2735)

NANCY ANN HOWES (W NY) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess, CD Network, TCNE. MWM, 45, married to a supportive wife. Been dressing all my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange ideas, and photos with others who enjoy all that is feminine. Will respond quickly. No sex letters. Let's talk girl talk!"

Nancy Ann Howes, P O Box 16127, Rochester NY 14616 (NY-2851)

CHRISTINA LEIGH (NY) (#64)

Member LIFE. MWM, hetero CD, 30, 6', 170, blue eyes, auburn hair, 14. Interested in reading, history, politics, current events, the seashore, and developing my femininity. "Guilt-free and accepting of myself for six months. Wife knows, but not accepting. This limits activities. Want to write others in similar situations."

Christina Leigh, P O Box 285, Woodside NY 11377 (NY-2895)

SANDI T. (NYC) (#65)

Member Metamorphosis. 5'11", blond with blue-green eyes, 130, 8, very feminine pre-op TS. "Enjoy the exciting chemistry of the male-female relationship. Am looking for an affectionate, decent man over 6' for a long-term relationship."

Sandi T., Box D8, 496-A Hudson St., NY NY 10014 (NY-2902)

CAROL TAYLOR (C NY) (#64)

Member EON, TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-Town WSG (6 yrs.), Coming Together '90. MWM, 40-something, 5'9", 160, 16. Interested in femininity, writing (about CD), boating. "Married to a supportive (but not delighted) wife. Love the feminine and enjoy corresponding. Like to share photos. Believe this should be enjoyable."

Carol T. (NY-2910)

JENNIFER LISETTE MARTIN (LI-NY) (#64)

Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'15", 22-24, tall, MWM, CD, professional, nonsupportive wife. "Envy you who pass. Jennifer loves to dress up in her best, would really like to correspond or meet with others. Enjoy outdoor sports, boating, golf, skiing, gardening, and reading. Need support of the experienced to become the woman I wish to be."

Jennifer M. (NY-2920)

DENISE M. (NY) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess. 43, 6'1", degreed, life-long CD, single, discreet, good humored, own small business, straight. Interested in golf, volley ball, architecture. "Like to meet others. Need make up help/practice. Dress most evenings. Where can I buy Misses tall sizes (18-20)? Lane Bryant seems to be dropping talls."

Denise Miller, P O Box 361, Amherst NY 14226-0361 (NY-2974)

EMILY C. (NY) (#64)

MWM, midforties, 5'6", supportive wife. Love cooking, crafts, shopping, corresponding with others, family, exchanging ideas. "Love the total look. Am beginning to venture out and meet others and enjoying every minute. Let's write. Your letter will get a quick response. No sex letters. Photos encouraged."

Emily C., P O Box 306, New Hartford NY 13413-0306 (NY-2966)

KIM CODY (NY) (#65)

MWM, 40's, 6'2", 180, lifelong CD. Wife is supportive and accepting. "Dress every day except for work. We visit Provincetown and Manhatten often. Love all things feminine and am confident and happy with who I am, thanks to meeting others and becoming honest with myself. Will do our best to answer those who write."

Kim Cody (NY-2927)

DORIS KRESS (NY) (#64)

Member Chi Delta Mu, Renaissance. 42. Interested in gardening, cooking, reading, jazz. "Married to a supportive, loving wife. Try to get out as much as possible, but I want to improve my femme self. Interested in hearing from others similarly situated, especially those in Long Island, New York City, and New Jersey."

Doris Kress (NY-2861)

DENISE MILLER (NY) (#61)

MWM, 50, 5'6", 160, healthy, professional, private person, discreet. Interested in reading, movies, computers, cooking, photography, would like to try dancing, dining out, getting together for friendship, etc. "In closet except when traveling, dressed for shopping, mall walking. Need time to respond."

Denise Miller (NY-3012)

DENISE O. (NY) (#61)

5'7", 180 and dropping, 40's, divorced. Interested in friendships. I love to correspond and will answer all. Willing to meet others in NYC & L.I area. Love classical music, Broadway shows, model railroading, shopping and dressing. Would love to hear from all sisters out there."

Denise O. (NY-3124)

JULIE B. (NY) (#61)

6', 185, gray/brown hair, brown eyes, over fifty. Interested in items covered in Tapestry and strong masochistic tendencies towards the opposite sex. "I am strictly a neophyte."

Julie B. (NY-3053)

SHELLY TAYLOR (NY) (#62)

MWM, 50's, 6', 165, 14. Interested in good jazz, good friends, fabulous feminine clothing. "Love to hear from TVs and anyone interested. Dressing since I was a kid. Comfortable with my feminine side. Wife is not understanding or tolerant, so time limited to daytime outings. Write, send pictures. I'll respond in kind."

Shelly Taylor (NY-3173)

ANNE HARPER (NY) (#62)

42, recently divorced, 6', 180. Self-employed furniture designer. "Have crossdressed over thirty years. First wife could not accept, but am now engaged to helpful and understanding lady. Would like to meet others from upstate NY to go out to eat or to a movie."

Anne Harper, P O Box 82, Alton NY 14413-0082 (NY-3195)

CHERYL MICHELLE ELLIOTT (NY) (#61)

MWM, Bi, CD, 5'7", 128, very passable. Interested in costumes, lingerie, all kinds of music and dance, playing the piano, and singing. "Love being a girl. Enjoy going out with friends, and love to dance. Enjoy new friends, photos, fantasies and experiences. Like to meet sister with participating spouse. Mine won't."

Cheryl Michelle Elliott (NY-3196)

JACKIE TEG (NY) (#62)

37, 5'10", 155. Interested in music, country and western, classical, sports, nice talks. "Looking for other TV/TSs and women in the western NY area to socialize and to learn from. Want to finally come out of the closet."

J. Teg, P O Box 9, Kenmore NY 14233 (NY-3208)

ANGELA MARTIN (NY) (#62)

Member CD Network. SWM, 45, healthy, creative. Lifelong CD. Write "Angela's Amblings" (CD News). Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working ACOA twelve step recovery and growth program. Writing book of daily meditations for CDs. Interested in hearing from others who have discovered that their 'Lost Child' is feminine."

Angela Martin, Box 10794, Rochester NY 14610 (NY-3252)

PATRICIA PENC (NY) (#62)

27, 5'8", 160, BS Chemistry - looking for work. Interested in music, playing guitar, home recording, skiing, yoga, and health. "Would like to speak with others and hear their experiences with a relationship with a significant other. I am sincere and caring and seeking a nonsexual friendship in the gender community."

J. P. Penc, RD #3 Box 1117, Clinton NY 13323 (NY-3276)

DIANA AUSTIN (NY) (#62)

Member of CD Network. Attended Texas T Party '91, '92, Be All '90, '91. WMM, 34, 5'9", 150, brown eyes. Interested in music, boating, fine wine, shopping at malls, going to restaurants, and night clubs. "Enjoy friendships, sharing interests and experiences. Do public outreach. Will try to answer all."

Occupant, P O Box 13502, Rochester NY 14613 (NY-3283)

LISA HAYES (NY) (#63)

MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155, wife supportive. "Out of closet for thirteen years. Would like to go out, but wife and I don't think I am passable."

Lisa H. (NY-3292)

JEAN TAYLOR (NY) (#63)

Married, hetero, CD, novice TV, wife knows but can't understand, 50's, look much younger (29 and holding), petite 5'6", 120. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, sunbathing, computers, shopping, lingerie, cosmetics, jewelry. "Seek sisters for correspondence, photo exchange. Would like to meet and help others. Will answer all."

Jean Taylor, P O Box 121, Goshen NY 10924 (NY-3375)

PRISSY S. (NY) (#63)

Attended Provincetown Outing '88. Divorced bi-TV with TS tendencies, 5'10", 160 and losing, mid 50's, work out regularly. Interested in classical music. "Love wearing bras, hosiery, high heels, and low cut dresses. Would enjoy going out dressed and dancing, especially with attractive men. Plan to go full-time."

Prissy S. (NY-3420)

GINNY P. (NY) (#64)

50, 5'10", 180. Interested in sports and golf. "Been dressing for years, but very privately. Now have more time available, so like to make new friends who share my special loves. Write and I will respond."

G. Petrie, P O Box 4103, Rome NY 13440 (NY-3386)

VICTORIA LYNN (NY) (#64)

Member of EON. Attended Autumn Accord, '90. 5'8", 145, WM TV. Married, but strong attraction to other TV/TSs. Wife very supportive. Interested in history, engineering, writing, science, learning more about my feminine side. "Dressing for fifteen years, but just out of the closet. Love to hear from all. Will answer all."

Victoria Lynn, P O Box 1951, Syracuse NY 13201 (NY-3429)

JOANN S. (NY) (#63)

Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of Long Island."

JoAnn S., P O Box 675, Medford NY 11763 (NY-3455)

STELLA ARNOLD (NY) (#63)

SWM, TV, 5'8", 150. Interested in bowling, dancing, music, and model railroading. "Looking to meet other CDs for friendship and moral support."

Stella Arnold (NY-3434)

RACHEL H. (NY) (#63)

32, 5'8", 130, hazel eyes. Interested in art music, writing, history, language, and cats. "Present financial and living status keep me closeted. Wish to communicate with others and share life and dreams. I will answer all."

Rachel H. (NY-3435)

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

SHEILA KIRK (W PA) (#99)

IFGE Board of Directors (Executive Committee), Coming Together Staff. Member Tiffany Club, TransPitt, Paradise. Participant Everything. Attractive TV, dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing. "I work very hard, so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV, and I'm eager to meet many others who delight in the same feelings."

Sheila K. (PA-0336)

ALISON LAING (E PA) (#61)

Member Renaissance. Awards FF Miss Congeniality. Middle age, middle sized, life-long CD. Wonderful, supportive spouse. Enjoys arts and crafts. Loves flea markets and antique shops, good food, wine, travel and dancing. "Take my gender shift seriously, work hard to be unobtrusive, if not passable."

Alison Laing, P O Box 635, Phoenixville PA 19460 (PA-1242)

ROBIN FREY (E PA) (#62)

Member Renaissance. 43-year-old pre-op on hormones. Interested in boating, hiking, and sun bathing. "Pre-op TS would like to meet Mr. Wonderful so I can be the housewife I long to be. Need help for surgery. Can relocate. Anybody interested in opening a TV/TS boutique in Philadelphia area?"

Robin Lee Frey, Box 2072, Southeastern PA 19399 (PA-0932)

DAVIDA T. (E PA) (#63)

SWM, 39, shy and discreet. "Just starting to come out, thanks to a few friends. Enjoy spending my free time being as feminine as possible. Seeking friends who would like to share that time with me."

Davida T. (PA-0944)

BETH STEELE (PA) (#63)

Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

Beth Steele (PA-1031)

REBECCA SUE M. (PA-1357)

REBECCA SUE M. (PA) (#64)

"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

Rebecca M. (PA-1357)

MARYANN KIRKLAND (E PA) (#62)

Member Renaissance, Greater Philadelphia, Public Outreach Director. Attended IFGE '90, '91, Texas T Party, Pocono Weekend, Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning. Awards 1990 Renaissance Woman of the Year. MWM, hetero, TV, 5'11", early 40's. Wife is supportive. "All spouses are urged to write to us. Outreach activities include college class-room speaking, professional seminars, and television shows."

Maryann Kirkland, P O Box 1242, Newtown PA 18940 (PA-1531)

ROBIN F. (W PA) (#61)

SWM, early forties, 6', 175. Professional with graduate degree. Interested in psychology of CD fantasies. "Recently had first make over. Enjoy dancing in full skirts and petticoats. Like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Appreciate assistance from other CDs and women who would help."

Robin F. (PA-2020)

JENNIFER WHITE (W PA) (#63)

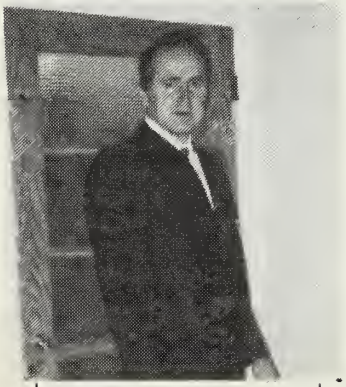
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

Jennifer White (PA-1722)

JANET ROSE (PA) (#64)

Attended Be All and Fantasia Fair. SWM, 49, 5'11", 143. Interested in business, race cars, domestic chores, CD. "I do turn into an exhibitionist in front of a camera. Would love to meet mature, understanding women for fun and friendship. Girlfriend also interested in meeting CDs' wives."

Janet Rose (PA-1879)



CRAIG SAMSON (PA-1977)

CRAIG SAMSON (E PA) (#61)

SWM, 6', 185, 35, athletically built and masculine in disposition. "Seeking very feminine TV's or TS's between the ages of 21 to 30 to meet & develop possible long term relationships with. Work in construction & will travel for that special person. Please send photo & phone. Will answer all those who meet my requirements."

Craig S. (PA-1977)

CAMMILLE S. (W PA) (#61)

Rather middle aged (40's), plumpish leather freak who, for the most part, is closet bound. "Love to get letters, though often forget to respond to them. I try to emulate '50's type woman, heavily padded, dressed too warmly, overly made-up, and overweight (not by design). Also like satin when found, and total feminine appearance."

Cammille S. (PA-1274)

WILLOW AYLA SHENEN (PA) (#65)

38, 5'8", 170, blue eyes, brown hair, DWM, hetero TV. Interested in Native American spirituality and culture, environmental concerns, reading, conversation, and being in nature. "Lifetime CD/TV. Accepted myself 15 years ago. Supportive girlfriend helps. Express feminine nature in all aspects of life."

Willow Shenen, P O Box 534, Huntigdon Valley PA 19006 (PA-2052)

BRENDA DAVIDSON (C PA) (#61)

Member LSV Chapter Renaissance (Chapter leader). Participant Annual LSV Luau. Awards 1990 Renaissance Meritorious Service Award. Married TV, 28, 5'8", 145. "Have appeared on local talk shows and the Evening Magazine. Have an understanding wife. Able to be Brenda and try to make this visible to others."

Brenda Davidson, P O Box 383, Mechanicsburg PA 17055 (PA-2252)

SHARON M. (E PA) (#62)

Member Renaissance. SWM, 32, 5'10", 145. Lives in Phila. area. Attractive, non-smoker, serious writer. Interested in correspondence and dating females and "T" people. "Cross-dressing has come between my last two girlfriends and me. Time to start finding friends who understand."

Sharon M. (PA-2326)

WENDY MILLER (PA) (#62)

Member Transpitt. Attended Be All '90 & '91. 5'10", 165, TG. Working very hard towards living full time. Interested arts, SCUBA.

Wendy M. (PA-2412)

MICHELLE D. (SE PA) (#63)

MWM, 38, 5'10", 185, college-educated professional. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

Michelle D. (PA-2623)

OLIVE K. (PA) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess, SGA. 5'10", 138, 75, white, brown eyes, almost white hair. Interested in CD, maintaining household, cooking, and electronics.

Olive K. (PA-2723)

PHYLLIS W. (W PA) (#63)

Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, CD with TS tendencies. "I find that living two lives occupies most of my time. I therefore cannot guaranty I'll respond to every letter."

P.W., P O Box 18413, Pittsburgh PA 15236 (PA-2770)

REBECCA L. (PA) (#63)

M-F pre-op transsexual in mid 30's. Nondrinker, nonsmoker, slim, 5'10", brown eyed brunette. Interested in reading, classical music, and quiet walks through parks and gardens. "Would like to

correspond with sensitive, articulate, M-F transsexual to establish warm friendship and mutual support."

Rebecca L. (PA-2808)

S. KRISTINE JAMES (PA) (#62)

Member TCNE, Renaissance, CDI. Attended P'town Outing '90, Poconos '91. 5'10", 175, professional. Interested in dinners, social activities. Love to dress and go out. "Travel entire US. Would like to hear from others, especially those who travel to New York City."

S. K. James, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044-0061 (PA-3228)

EMILY F. (PA) (#63)

Member of Transpitt. 40, 150, green eyes, blonde hair. Interested in makeup, hair-styling, golf. "Would like to meet other TV/TSs and women. Friendly and understanding. Was subjected to petticoat punishment. Would like to hear others' experiences."

E. Fador, P O Box 95205, Pittsburgh PA 15226 (PA-3380)

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

EMILY SHELDON (N DE) (#64)

Member Renaissance. Attended Fantasia Fair '86 - '89, Most Helpful '89. Mature TV, fiftyish, pass easily in public. Enjoy fashion, friends, fun, helping others get out of the closet. Attend 2-3 TV meetings/month, 2-3 major TV events/year. "Looking for correspondence."

E. Sheldon, P O Box 4457, Greenville DE 19807 (DE-0629)

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON (DE) (#66)

Member Tiffany Club of New England, Tri-Ess. Attended TCNE Awards Banquet, 1991. 60, 6', 180. Gracious Lady married 40 years to understanding wife. Self employed, often dresses in home & office. Electrolysis completed, sails competetively, active in Protestant church. FAA rated pilot, resides in S. DE. Letters answered.

Phyllis Vanetta Larson (DE-0931)

LESLIE FAIRMONT (N DE) (#66)

Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Not macho, but willing to 'push the envelop.' Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

Occupant, P O Box 5093, Wilmington DE 19808 (DE-2425)

AUDREY J. STEELE (DE) (#66)

Member Tri-Ess. Participant 'Holiday En Femme'. WWM TV, 5'10", 195, 54, blue eyes, brown hair. "Almost out of closet. Mother knows and accepts me as Audrey. 3 adult children don't yet. Love all facets of cross-dressing. Like photography, meeting other CDs, writing to CDs, making new friends. Will answer. Please write."

Audrey S. (DE-2434)

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (200- 205-)

CHRISTINA FERRANTE (DC) (#61)

SWM, 25, blond, 5'10". Young coed, sweet, shy, yet sexy. "I enjoy cocktail parties, soap operas, shopping, and mini-skirts. I'm waiting for my Edward Lewis to make me his 'Pretty Woman.' I'd love to hear from you all out there, and look forward to exchanging photos and stories."

Christina Ferrante, P O Box 42298, Washington DC 20015 (DC-2906)

MARY JANICE N. (DC) (#61)

SWM, 42, 5'6", 154. "I love all things feminine: classic dresses, girl talk, and shopping. Active in Gay and Lesbian issues. College educated. Travel US extensively. Seeking friends anywhere in the United States. Will start pre-op in the fall of '91. Will answer all who write. Photos appreciated."

M. Janice Nicase, AAVV, P O Box 27286, Washington DC 20038-7286 (DC-2976)

LINDA WYATT (DC) (#61)

MWM, 5'11", 180, 37, Bi TS. "Still in closet, but want to emerge. Would like to correspond with and meet a TS to develop a relationship that will help me realize my feminine self. Will answer those who send a discreet photo with letter."

Linda Wyatt, P O Box 44454, Washington DC 20026 (DC-3149)

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

HELEN G. (MD) (#62)

Member of Delta Chi and Washington Baltimore Alliance. Attended Fantasia Fair the last three years, Texas T Party, Program Director Delta Chi. Big TV, 5'9", size 26, 48 bra. Interested in classical music, photography, and attending TV meetings and events. "Love attending and working for the Fair and local groups. Love to meet TV sisters. Would love to meet a genetic female who understands CDs."

Helen G. (MD-2227)

KATE GOLDMAN (MD) (#62)

Member ETVC. 5'8", 155, 44, TV, supportive wife. Interested in photography, reading, computers, and music. "I've practiced in the closet long enough. Overcoming my anxieties, ready to participate, and determined to meet others. Promise to write back to all who correspond. Please send photo."

Kate Goldman (MD-1652)

PAULA I. (MD) (#64)

TV, 35, 5'7", 135, married. Interested in music, songwriting, sailing, films, reading, and exploring spirituality. "Have several close and dear TV and TS friends and would enjoy developing more. Would like to explore honestly and openly what makes us alike and different. Especially interested in contacting people in the area, but will answer mail from anywhere."

P. J. I., P O Box 24642, Baltimore MD 21214 (MD-1860)

CHARLENE H. (MD) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess, Rennaissance. 43, 5'9", 150, TV, married for 20+ years. Interested in classical music, computers, woodworking. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember. Am fairly conservative with my clothing. Would love to

come out of the closet more, but cannot. Would like to correspond with those of similar interest, especially those in the Balt/Wash area."

Charlene H. (MD-2274)

NANCY ANN B. (MD) (#61)

Member Delti Chi (DCEA), Washington-Baltimore Alliance. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91. 5'9", 160, pierced ears. Interested in fashions, being out dressed, softball, and bowling. "Hetero M, love many sports, but as Nancy Ann I enjoy the freedom of so many party clothes, hairdos, makeup, and being OH, so feminine. One high spot of Fantasia Fair was a complete makeover and participating in the fashion show."

Nancy Ann B. (MD-2046)

DIANE FERN (MD) (#61)

"I am a mature, androgenous TV with transgender inclinations. Married to a very supportive wife. I enjoy gourmet cooking, 'cool' and progressive jazz, walks on the beach, sailing, and small social get-togethers. I dress virtually every day. I reside in Annapolis, and look forward to meeting people in the MD, DC, VA, or PA area interested in the TV/TG lifestyle and sharing gender euphoria."

Diane F. (MD-2229)

ANN MILLER (C MD) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 39, 6', 180, lifelong TV. "Ready to start out of the closet. Interested in corresponding with other TVs and TSs. Educated, responsible person desiring to meet same. Please respond with photo."

Ann M. (MD-2776)

JULIA CYBELE (C MD) (#64)

Member My Choice, Daughters of Isis, Mensa, WBA, DCEA. Participant Texas 'T' Party. 1952 Libra, 5'10", 170, dark blonde tresses; sensitive, feminine INFP; living full time since 7/91. Interested in beauty in all forms; veneration of the goddess; sunsets; mystery and transcendence; reading; friendship; humor. "Adore classical music, cultures of Antiquity, exotic cuisine, and good conversation."

Julia C. (MD-2739)

ELEANOR O. (C MD) (#63)

WM TV, 41, 5'10", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. "Have been dressing for 25+ years, but only accepted this part of my nature 10 years ago. Dress often. I like the professional, feminine, conservative style, which fits my nature as a management woman. Hope to meet and/or correspond with other TV-CDs and TSs. Will respond to all who write."

Eleanor O. (MD-2747)

BARBARA A. (MD) (#64)

Member D.C.E.A. TV, 5'10", 140 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes. Travel frequently to CA, CO, FL, and AL. "Interested in corresponding with others and making new friends."

Barbara A., P O Box 3255, Laural MD 20709 (MD-2795)

LYNN B. (MD) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess. Participant Poconos Weekend. 6', 175, 60, hetero TV, married, supportive wife. Interested in good music, photograpghy, fishing, string art. "Been CD since age 13. Mother found out when I was 11. Interested in meeting others, couples, for friendship and support. All CDs in MD, DE, VI, come on out, to have our own chapter!"

Lynn B. (MD-2931)

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON (MD) (#62)

42, 5'9", 175, blue eyes, chestnut hair, married to a lovely lady. "I've only been out at night, but look forward to perfecting a passable daytime persona. Would like to hear from any who care to write, especially from wives who have successfully dealt with their husband's crossdressing."

Ellen M. Anderson, P O Box 1551, White Plains MD 20695 (MD-3142)

FRAN CAMPBELL (MD) (#64)

Member of Boulton & Park Society, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance. 6'2", 215, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in music, MIDI, computers. "Just relocated to the DC area. Will join one or two local support groups when settled. Would like your comment on the available groups. Please write."

Fran Campbell, P O Box 469, Bowie MD 20718-0469 (MD-2855)

ANGELA F. (MD) (#63)

Eclectic TG, 27, 5'6", single, musician, artist, medical professional. Like the outdoors, bicycling, the beach, long talks, classical to progressive music, cooking, flying, home-brewing,

building things, creating, being. "Am new to the community and trying to find my place in the gender spectrum. Desire contact with interesting souls for mutual life enhancement."

Angela F. (MD-3453)

JULIANNE CHRISTINE THOMAS (MD) (#63)

5'10", 170, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in skiing, cooking, shopping, roller coasters, travel, andcamping. "I have just begun to allow my feminine self to emerge. I could use all the help and guidance to become more feminine. Will respond to all who write."

Julianne C. Thomas, P O Box 59392, Potomac MD 20859 (MD-3203)

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

JAYNE MACK (VA) (#64)

DWM, early 50's, 5'8", 160, blue eyes, grey hair. Interested in writing, dressing up, jazz. "Looking for help in becoming as feminine as possible. Want to meet sisters and those who appreciate our sisterhood to work with me as I strive for my goal."

Jayne Mack (VA-1206)

KEMBERLY CARLSON (N VA) (#61)

Member Delta Chi. DWM, 5'11", 50, size 18, live in DC area with SO. Comfortable with self, ventures out dressed last 3 years. Love to pose in front of camera, water skiing, boating, and stained glass. "Enjoy all aspects of femme lifestyle. Would like to write & meet others who enjoy crossdressing. Have a sense of humor, and can laugh at myself & enjoy life. Will respond to all."

Kem Carlson, P O Box 8, Herndon VA 22070 (VA-2300)

CHRISTINA S. (VA) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. MWM, 40's, 6', 185. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

Christina Smith, P O Box 34631, Richmond VA 23234 (VA-1868)

SHEILA W. (VA) (#61)

6', 180, green eyes, and long legs. Interested in woodworking and photography. "I love to exchange letters and pictures. I try to answer others promptly. Am becoming more active all the time. Look forward to attending some of the national events."

Sheila W., P O Box 64593, VA Beach VA 23467 (VA-2276)

SUSAN REYNOLDS (VA) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess. Participant P-town and Poconos gatherings. Reasonably passable. Love sleek clothing. Adore being VERY buxom when at home. "I write to a number of sisters, and especially enjoy writing to those sisters who like being buxom. Am very happy and content with myself as a woman."

Susan Reynolds, Box 11160, Alexandria VA 22312 (VA-0017)

DONNA E. (VA) (#62)

DWM, hetero, TV, 5'11", 170, 45, 14-16. Interested in snow skiing, cooking, hunting, fishing, and dressing up. "Closet TV most of my life. Now seeking to meet other TV's and genetic women for friendship, and to help me to refine my make-up and hair skills. Write and send photo. I'll reciprocate as soon as possible."

Donna E. (VA-2502)

SAMANTHA W. (VA) (#65)

Member Virginia's Secret. MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife of fifty years not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."

Samantha W. (VA-3052)

TREVA W. (VA-3296)

TREVA W. (VA) (#63)

TV with TS aspirations, 27, 5'11", 170, blonde, green eyes. Interested in all things feminine, shoes, wigs, high fashion clothes, and especially perfecting my feminine persona. "Open minded, caring individual, love to look and feel sexy. Seek to know and meet TV/TSs and women for mutual support and admiration. Photos please."

Treva Marie Wilson, P O Box 23773, Alexandria VA 22304 (VA-3296)

TINA C. (VA) (#63)

CD, 40, 5'10", 185. Interested in dressing up to go out to do almost anything, shopping, going for a walk ... "Am 75% passable. Still working on it and learning. Love mini-skirts and high heels. Would like to meet people with similar interests, as well as non-CDs who can appreciate me."

Tina C. (VA-3310)

PATRICA D. (VA) (#63)

Member of Delta Chi. 5'7", blue eyes, brown hair, 48. Interested in jazz, camping, traveling the world, reading, and hiking. "Have just overcome lifelong sense of guilt. Since I wanted to wear feminine things, my mother wanted another girl. My sister and mother encouraged me to become their daughter/sister. Just started crossdressing again and am very happy with Patrica. Need help."

Patrica D. (VA-3448)

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH (WV) (#64)

Member Crossroads. MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

P.M. Wentworth, Box 687, Berkeley Springs WV 25411 (WV-0640)

DEE H. (WV) (#65)

Member Tri-Ess. 46, hetero, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interested in all things feminine, a better look, fishing, canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in makeup. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

D. D. Hensell, P O Box 422, Ridgeley WV 26753 (WV-2329)

KAYE LIGHTNER (WV) (#66)

Member TWV. Attended Be All '90, '91, Paradise in the Poconos '91. Married CD with understanding spouse. "My coming out has been a real growth experience - for both of us. Interested in sewing, cartooning, gardening, cats. Degree in Psychology in progress. Avid correspondent. Free to travel to OH, KN, and VA. Would like to try daylight outings in straight settings. Will answer all promptly."

Kaye L. (WV-2435)

TABETHA ANN TAMBOR (WV) (#63)

Member of Trans-WV (Secretary/Treasurer), Tri-Ess, Crossport. Single, hetero, CD, early 20's, 6', 175, 13/14. Interested in art, clowning, face painting, makeup, reading, writing, music, photography, designs, tropical fish, and daydreaming. "Looking for an understanding woman for friendship, fun, and possible relationship. Will answer all."

Tabetha Tambor, c/o Trans-WV, P O Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322 (WV-2453)

DEBBIE LUCAS (WV) (#63)

Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. Attended Be All a few years back. 38, 5'7", brown eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. "I've been a TV all my life. Have an understanding wif who helps me. Love passing in public in both casual and fancy clothes. Love being a lady!"

Debbie Lucas (WV-3393)

RENEE H. (S WV) (#63)

Member Crossport, Trans WV. MWM, 5'10", 46. "Married to a very supportive wife. Love dressing and being feminine. Would like to explore more of the woman within. Still partially in the closet, but would love to go out in public dressed. Will answer all who write."

Renee H. (WV-2604)

BEVERLY R. WILLIAMS (W WV) (#63)

Member Trans-WV. WM, 5'10", blue eyes. Interests include beautiful clothes, cooking, photography, and travel. "I am a fun loving girl who really enjoys being dressed and feminine. Looking to meet new friends and build lasting relationships. Would love to correspond with others with similar interests."

Beverly R. Williams, c/o Trans WV, P O Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724 (WV-2687)

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

FRANCES T. (NC) (#61)

Member TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming together, Be All. Late 30's, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping, chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines and dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."

Frances T. (NC-1245)

CHERYL BISHOP (NC) (#61)

Member EEE, Paradise, Chi Chapter. Participant Be All, '85. 43, divorced, hetero, somewhat closeted. Interested in duplicate bridge, golf, tennis. "I'm more interested in issues like self-acceptance, blending crossdressing and marriage, etc. than clothes, make-up, etc."

Cheryl B. (NC-2334)

BECKY P. (NC) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess, Kappa Beta. 5'4", 133. Interested in reading, photography, good music, going out in public dressed. "I love to send and receive mail from TV/TS sisters. Will answer all who write."

Becky P. (NC-2343)

CATHERINE B. (NC) (#62)

Member Kappa Beta. MWM, 45, 5'9", 142. Interested in water sports, dressing. "I have just recently come out after twenty years of dressing. Am still learning and developing my femme self. I'd love to hear from other CD sisters. I will respond as my work and family obligations allow."

Catherine B. (NC-2480)

SUZANNE ELIZABETH BISHOP (NC) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess. Tall, slender, blue-eyed blonde, enjoys yoga, jogging, reading, music, conversation, and the arts. "Although relatively closeted for family and business reasons, I do go out from time to time with no problems. Would like to meet other CDs in my area for friendship and fun."

Suzanne B. (NC-2414)

TABITHA VALKYRIE (NC) (#63)

5'6", 140. "I celebrated my new birthday July 23, 1991. I'm female, Yeah! Would like to hear from people with a sense of humor who enjoy being alive, KNOW WHO THEY ARE or are at least trying to find out. All MEN are especially encouraged to reply."

Tabitha Valkyrie, P O Box 14328, Raleigh NC 27620-4328 (NC-2616)

STEPHANIE DULA (NC) (#62)

Member Triad Gender Association. 5'9", 20, SWM, TV, brown hair and eyes. Interested in art, driving in the mountains, and walking her dog. "Blessed with the acceptance of a wonderful girlfriend. We have a very giving relationship. We would like to get together with other couples in the Central NC area. Drop us a line."

Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427-8082 (NC-2519)

ANNE MARIE HARTMAN (NC) (#61)

MWM, 48, 5'9", 160, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in classical music, sailing, golf, and girl watching. "Life-long CD with special interest in lingerie and hosiery. Passable at times. Would like to meet new TV/TS friends for mutual support. I respond to all correspondence promptly."

A. M. Hartman, P O Box 34102, Charlotte NC 28234 (NC-3066)

ANNA LARSON (NC) (#61)

WM, CD, 36 years old, BS in Human Biology. "Enjoy reading, conversation, shopping, and fine dining. Would like to start a support group in the Greensboro and Winston-Salem area."

Anna Larson, P O Box 4361, Greensboro NC 27404, (NC-3091)

JANICE LONG (NC) (#62)

SWM, 35, lifelong TV, 6'2". Interested in cooking, shopping, reading, photography, and traveling. "I enjoy dressing, but haven't had the opportunity to do so lately. Due to work and home life, I just dress sporadically. Would enjoy correspondence and possibly meeting others, particularly tall sisters, and those who have told their SOs."

Janice L. (NC-3146)

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

KATIE MARIE JOHNSON (SC) (#62)

MWM, hetero, 5'11", 162, 43. Interested in talk radio, CD, walking, shopping, collecting miniature cars. "Been CD since childhood. Love dressing up. Wife extremely supportive, we love going shopping together. Want to correspond with others, couples who are dealing with the sexual and emotional implications of CD. Like to find or start a club in SC. Please write."

Katie Marie J. (SC-3326)

BOBBI RENEE LONG (SC) (#61)

Member Kappa Beta. MWM, 55, 5'8". "I spend most of my CD time in public. I love dancing, shopping, eating out, and any activity that I can do as a woman. I like conservative clothes and makeup. I've had speech therapy and hormones have eliminated the need for pads to have a feminine body. I'll write all."

Bobbi Renee Long, P O Box 210276, Columbia SC 29221 (SC-2149)

CHRIS K. (SC) (#62)

SWM, 38, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, closeted CD. Interested in music, travel, and people. "I'm looking to meet new friends, TVs, TSs, and supportive women. Welcome letters. Can travel in NC, SC, FL, and GA."

Chris K. (SC-3204)

SHERRY LYNN CAPPS (SC) (#63)

Member Kappa Beta Tri-Ess. 21, 6', 195, long honey blonde hair, blue eyes, passable. Interested in libertarian/conservative politics, history, shooting, shopping, reading/writing. "Eclectic, independent college student seeking to share the joys of womanhood. Want to hear from all. Can host traveling sisters. Looks, location unimportant. All letters answered promptly."

Sherry L. Capps, P O Box 3406, Rock Hill SC 29732-5406 (SC-3338)

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

DIANNE KENDALL (GA) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess: Sigma Epsilon. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, Be All '90, T-Party '91, Southern Comfort '91. Columnist for The American Crossdresser. "Life-long TV, willowy, sensuous, feminine with extensive wardrobe including much lingerie. Heels for every occasion. I write stories about boys being sweetly dressed as girls by girls."

Dianne K. (GA-1298)

D-JAE S. (GA) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Mid 40's, 185, 5'8". Interested in people, aviation, ham radio, travel. "Enjoy corresponding with others. Travel southeast US a lot, other regions occasionally. Dressed since childhood. Enjoy going out, and social functions with sisters. Will answer all."

Diane Jae Shere, P O Box 89, Lithia Springs GA 30057 (GA-2126)

GINGER M. (GA) (#61)

SWM, early 50's, 6'2", 195, submissive, bisexual. Interested in travel, photography, fishing, golf, and quiet intimate dinners. "New to crossdressing. Not out of closet. Love all things feminine: silks, satins, leather, heels, and boots. Open to all ideas. Would love to exchange letters and photos. Will answer all. Can travel to meet as time permits."

Ginger M. (GA-2098)

MELANIE S. (GA) (#61)

Member Dixie Belles. Participant Be All. Married lifetime CD, 46, 5'13", 185. "I'm enjoying life more every day, especially since Melanie has met and made so many new special friends. Love satins, laces, and heels."

Melanie S. (GA-2265)

TINA JORDAN (GA) (#62)

Thirty-something, blue eyes, brown hair, 12/13, great legs! "Married, wife is adjusting. Pass in public with a little trouble. Interested in computers, tantra, video films, meditation, the feminine self as a state of consciousness, and the inner goddess."

Tina J. (GA-2379)

JOANNA M. (NW GA) (#64)

39, 6', 147, blond hair, blue eyes, TV, married. Busy professional just now making the time to pursue my feminine side. Life-long TV. Almost passable. Interests include the outdoors, photography stills or video, music, travel, and people. "Want to meet new friends, GGs, TVs, TSs for correspondence, photo exchange, and personal/social relationships. Travel."

Joanna Monit, P O Box 490983, Atlanta GA 30349 (GA-2722)

FRANCES D. (GA) (#65)

6', 200, 45, BiWM. "My wife is supportive, but does not participate. I have been in the closet since, I started dressing as a pre-teen. Long to meet others in a similar situation. Into fulfilling fantasies and making special friends. I enjoy everything feminine."

Frances D. (GA-2952)

MELISSA T. (GA) (#61)

Attractive MWM, 40, 5'11", 14, easy going, adventurous, and understanding. Wife knows, but doesn't encourage. "I work hard to attain the total feminine look. Use heels, lingerie, corsets, and makeup to achieve transformation. Want to correspond with TVs, TSs, and couples. Answer all who send photo."

Melissa T. (GA-3047)

KAREN AMBER (AL) (#61)

Member Montgomery Medical. M-F TS, 37, 6', 155, brown hair and eyes. "Just starting out. Doing electrolysis, hope to start hormones soon. Interested in corresponding and meeting TSs and genetic females, especially in the Atlanta area, to talk shop, and to help me perfect my feminine self. Send photo if possible. Discretion assured. Will answer all sincere letters."

Karen A. (GA-3081)

JENNIFER A. LAVERY (GA) (#62)

Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. MWM, 42, 5'8", 150. Hetero, passable, educated, professional CD. "Enjoy historical novels, minor league baseball, my children, home decorating, golf, and shopping. A caring, sincere person, and a true friend, willing to give as well as receive. Avid conversationalist and a faithful correspondent. Wife knows, but is totally intolerant."

Jennifer A. Lavery, P O Box 870316, Stone Mountain GA 30087 (GA-3215)

RACHEL W. (GA) (#63)

MWM, CD, 45, 5'10". Enjoy shopping and dining, going out to movies, always dressed. "Have great, accepting family. Would like to meet and correspond with other sisters."

Rachel W. (GA-3251)

LORI DEE HARMON (FL) (#61)

5'11", 190, brown hair and eyes. Enjoy hunting fishing, golf, football; lingerie, heels, feminine clothes, make-up . . . "Life-long TV. Wife knows, not supportive. Hope to be able to pass and go out in public. Enjoy the classy, career look. Like help with makeup and wig. Like to hear from sisters who go on without support, and from those who have found it."

L. Harmon, P O Box 674631, Marietta GA 30067 (GA-3105)

ANNIE LYNN (GA) (#62)

Tall, 33, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends to help me relax and be myself. Travel some. Would like to write and meet some other ladies to have fun and learn more about being a woman."

Annie Lynn, Box 4423, Atlanta GA 30302 (GA-3298)

STEPHANIE F. (GA) (#63)

TS in early 20's, very discreet, great sense of humor. Interested in screen writing, literature, watching movies, music (my ultimate passion), and fashion. "I would like to correspond with both pre-op and post-op TSs about all aspects of transition and our community."

Stephanie F. (GA-3397)

KEVIN (GA) (#64)

"Have you looked through these ads too, and not found anyone you really wanted to write to? Does it seem like some areas of expression are missing? Playful, non-linear (non-dressing?) crossdresser would like to hear from you, then."

Kevin, P O Box 1925, Atlanta GA 30301-1925 (GA-3446)

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

PETRA D. (FL) (#65)

Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort '91. Mid-30's, married to supportive wife with two children. "Edit the Dixie Belle, active on Tri-Ess BBS,

occasionally on Genderline. Travel to Atlanta for Sigma Epsilon meetings, but would like to meet others in FL & S. GA. Interests include photography, computers, soccer, and exploring the concept of androgyny."

Petra D., P O Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426 (FL-1314)

JENNIFER REECE (FL) (#63)

SWM, hetero, 38. Interested in all water sports and boating. "Looking for a woman or a pre-op transsexual to communicate with. I'm a good person and lots of fun."

Jennifer R. (FL-0739)

VANESSA (C FL) (#61)

Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

E.B., P O Box 1076, Venice FL 34284-1076 (FL-1396)

CATHI Y. (FL) (#61)

MWM, hetero, TV, 41, 6'1", 170. "Love the feminine look, from gowns to short skirts. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others.

Cathi Y. (FL-1393)

SAMIE DIANNE B. (SW FL) (#63)

Widower, 63, 5'8", 160. "I cross-dress whenever possible, & wear lingerie all the time. I have been a closet cross-dresser for 30 years with 2 wives and several women friends. I wore the dresses and they wore the slacks. Now I want out of the closet."

Samie B. (FL-1793)

CLAUDIA K. (FL) (#63)

Member Crossport, IXE, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

C. Kessen (FL-1833)

CYNTHIA SILVA (FL) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess. SWM, hetero CD, 60's, 5'9", 200. Interested in working with my computer and amateur radio, VHF mobile, dressing whenever possible. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CDs, TVs, and understanding GGs for femme talk, improving my femme personality and appearance, and having photo sessions."

Cynthia Silva, Box 18884, Tampa FL 33679-8884 (FL-1848)

JOAN M. (FL) (#64)

TV, 66, 5'4", single. Interested in drawing, painting, all the arts. "I am a life-long crossdresser. I like to correspond and meet other TVs or TSs in southwest FL for friendship and support."

Joan M. (FL-2821)

PENNY THOMAS (FL) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Southern Comfort. 40, 6', brunette, and heavier than I wish. Interested in computers, science fiction & mysteries, roller blading, and trying to discover who I am. "Erratic writer, but will try to answer letters."

Penny T. (FL-1671)

PHYLLIS C. (FL) (#62)

45, WM, 5'4", married. "Looking for new friends in the Tampa Bay area. Have been cross-dressing for years, mostly in private. I have an understanding wife. Enjoy high heels and that feminine feeling."

Phyllis C. (FL-1473)

CHARLENE FIRESTINE (FL) (#64)

Member of Central Florida Sisters. DWM, 5'7". Interested in anything female. "Love to get together with all my sisters and share ideas, dreams. TS inclinations. Like 60's music, enjoy renting movies and listening to my radio. Love to go out to clubs for a good time. Wish to hear from sisters around the country."

Charlene Firestine (FL-1934)

JACQUELYN NOWLING (FL) (#61)

Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

Jacquelyn N. (FL-2063)

LAURA O. (E FL) (#64)

Member Crossroads, Central Florida Sisters. WM hetero TV, 46, 6', 160, passable, professional, widely travelled. "Like to be Laura as much as possible. Usually spend weekends en femme, shopping, dining, etc. Active in TV group activities. Wish to write and meet other crossdressers from all over the U.S."

Laura O., Suite 226, 2899 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48083 (FL-2106)

KATHERINE M. (FL) (#61)

Tall, forties. Interests are many and include cooking, sailing, movies, books, and music. Love to camp and hike. Wish to correspond, perhaps meet with other cross-gendered people in Southern Florida. Look forward to your letter (and photo?).

Katherine M. (FL-2244)

ANNA BLAKE (FL) (#63)

MWM. 39, TG/TS, wife knows and accepts. Interested in walking; hiking; camping in woods, mountains, and seashore; folk dancing; reading; music; science. "Am blossoning after a lifetime of privacy through sisters in support group and on BBS AOL. Like to contact other TG/TSs to share experiences, tips, and support."

Anna Blake (FL-2418)

JEANNIE B. (FL) (#64)

Bi, mid 40's, 145, fair hair, blue eyes, no body hair, 5'7", 12/14. Interested in sun, sand, ocean, videos, cooking. "Florida: mid-Atlantic coast, seems like none of you girls are in my area. Would like to meet TV/TSs for get togethers, photo exchange. Dressing since age ten. Need help from other sisters. Goal to live the rest of my life as a woman. Please write."

Jeannie B. (FL-2665)

MICHELLE H. (FL) (#62)

35, MWM, CD/TV, 6', 160, hetero. Interested in computers, baseball, reading, female fashion, shopping. "After many years of desire, I have just started dressing in the past few months. Wife knows and is trying to be supportive and helpful. Would like to meet and correspond with others, especially in the Tampa Bay area. Would like to join a Tri-Ess chapter."

Michelle H. (FL-3189)

JODY N. (FL) (#64)

Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, CD, 5'6", 130, thirty-something. TS inclinations. Interested in total feminization, reading, golf, and physical fitness. "Seeking correspondence and possible get togethers with understanding, attractive females, couples, TSs, and CDs in PSL area. Photo please if possible."

Jody N. (FL-2968)

ELIZABETH N DOUGLAS (FL) (#61)

5'7", 145, 36, ash blonde, brown eyes, quite passable. Interested in golf, race cars. "Have been crossdressing since early adolescence. Now coming out and enjoying both sides of life. Would love to meet others for shopping fun, girl talk, and help with getting out in public more comfortably."

Elizabeth N Douglas, P O Box 40012, St. Petersburg FL 33743 (FL-2972)

BOBBI REED (FL) (#62)

5'7", 130, slender build. Very real breasts. Interested in writing, video, meeting new friends, travel, and sharing new ideas. "I would like to become a member of some group, but time and job prevent that at present. Would be glad to hear from anyone that has time to write. Am always open to new information and ideas."

Bobbi R. (FL-3171)

CATHY R. (FL) (#61)

SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

C. R., Box 604, Apopka FL 32704 (FL-3007)

SUSAN S. (FL) (#62)

MWM, 5'10", 158, CD, totally hetero, above average at all sports. Interested in collecting slips, half slips, and old crinolines. "Lifelong sense of guilt since I realized I liked to wear feminine things. As an only child, my mother wanted a girl. She encouraged me to be her 'daughter.' Looking for those who had a similar experience. Will answer all."

Susan S., 1971 W. Lumsden, Suite 121, Brandon FL 33511 (FL-3130)

JANESSA DELITE (FL) (#62)

Member Serenity, Hollywood, FL. 5'9", blue/green eyes, 150, TV/TS. Interested in shopping for clothes, going out to hot night spots. Meeting new friends. "Lifelong crossdresser and active member of the TV/TS community. Would like to be more involved in helping others, and in participating in national events."

Janessa Delite, P O Box 970645, Miami FL 33197 (FL-3141)

LAURA BETH CAMFIELD (FL) (#61)

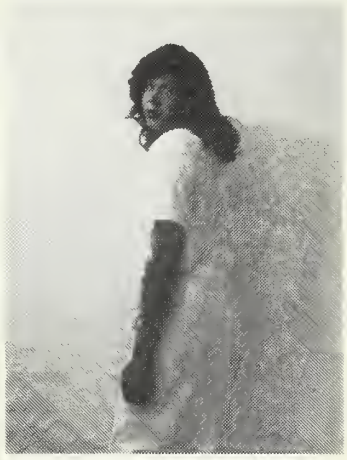
MWM, 45, 250, 5'10". CD for 34 years. "After decade of dressing and passing successfully, I was forced back into the closet by a cancer surgery resulting in a scar I had to cover with a beard, and glandular weight gain of 70 pounds. Always a woman inside, wear lingerie and heels at work, and correspond with sisters nationwide. My male counterpart is a published novelist, excellent ball-room dancer. Please write, I'll write back."

Laura Beth Camfield, P O Box 358, Talleuast FL 34270 (FL-3148)

KATHY GAIL DRAPER (FL) (#63)

Member AEGIS, Sigma Epsilon, Tallahassee, FL. Founder: Gender Information Network of Gainesville (GING). Small business owner, ex-communicated minister, 6'3", 175, androgynous pre-op TS on hormones, over fifty hours electrolysis. "Need voice therapy. Help! Love nylon lingerie, latex pantics, Spandex outfits, nylon scarves. Friends say I am strange, and I am."

Kathy G. Draper (FL-3192)



MICHELLE M. (FL) (#63)

Member Central Florida Sisters. 35, 6'3", 195, married, hetero CD. Wife knows. Interested in golf, sports, model railroading. "Would like to meet with other sisters, 'ladies' and couples in Ft. Myers area."

Michelle M. (FL-3328)

DENISE P. (FL) (#63)

MWM, hetero, 5'8", 16/18. Hetero. "Very supportive spouse. Close to passable. Have made guarded public ventures. My wife and I have long accepted my dual personalities. Interested in classic rock and roll, computers, motor sports, and being Denise. "Would enjoy corresponding with other sincere and discreet couples. Will answer all. Listed in Prodigy, or contact through Tapestry."

Denise P. (FL-3334)

DONNA LYNN (FL) (#62)

DWM, 5'9", 160, light hair, blue eyes, college educated. Interested in outdoor activities, biking, cooking, shopping, and dressing. "Beginning to accept feminine side with help of very special SO. Like to meet and correspond with other sisters and

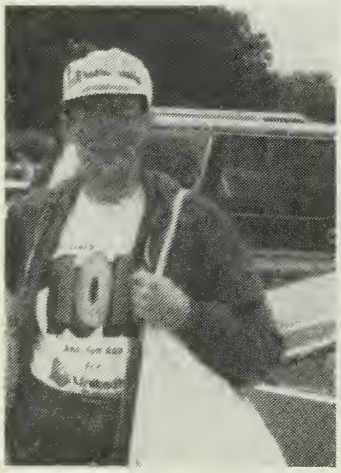
SOs for friendship, sharing, and support. Honest and sincere. Looking forward to hearing from you. Please include photo."

Donna Lynn (FL-3343)

CHRISTY W. (FL) (#62)

MWM, TV, 6'2", late 30's, blue eyes and brown hair. Enjoy photography, running, my family, life, and, of course, dressing up. "Lifelong TV, basically tired of being all dressed up with no place to go. Would love to correspond with and possibly meet others with similar interests. Also looking to attend some outings."

Christy W. (FL-3348)



RAY HUNT (FL) (#64)

5'6", 150, fit, muscular, a little overweight. F-M CD, would-be TS. Interested in ultra marathon running, cycling, reading, TV - talk shows, drawing, hiking, bird watching, gems/crystals, religion/philosophy. "Dress full time. Am androgynous in manners, actions. Would be on hormones and get surgery, but can't afford it. Seek friendship and life companion. Love to talk and swap stories."

Ray Hunt (FL-3499)

HEATHER PHILLIPS (FL) (#62)

5'10", 170. Enjoy lovely feminine things, friendship, and all kinds of music. Read Vogue, Glamour, and Cosmo. Like to shop and garden. Interested in personal growth. Phone number and photo would be appreciated.

Heather Phillips, P O Box 2991, Brandon FL 33509-2991 (FL-3278)

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

MARY JANE WALKER (N AL) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess. A young 65 years old, 5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from, meet others in the N.AL or GA area. Will answer all."

M. Walker (AL-2105)

ANNE ARMSTRONG (AL) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess. 70, 5'10". "Still closeted and would appreciate letters. Will reply quickly."

Anne Armstrong, P.O. Box 7331-A, Birmingham AL 35253 (AL-1478)

RENEE' PHILLIPS (AL) (#62)

MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

Renee' Phillips, P O Box 241092, Montgomery AL 36124-1092 (AL-2535)

MICHELLE STEADMAN (NAL) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Director of Sigma Rho Gamma Chapter - SERGA, Beta Chi, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, 37, hetero-CD, 5'9", 190, brown eyes, brown hair. Two children, professionals. "Married to an exceptional woman who made me blossom. We formed a chapter of Tri-Ess. My wife is the SERGA liaison for the Wives and Partners Concerns. We love to write. You may write to either or both of us."

Michelle Steadman, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802 (AL-2547)

PAULA R. (AL) (#64)

Member of Tri-Ess Sigma Epsilon, MMPI. Attended Southern Comfort. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TV-TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel at will.

Paula R., P O Box 020623, Tuscaloosa AL 35402 (AL-2820)

CELESTE RICHARDS (AL) (#62)

Member SERGA. WM, 40, 180, 5'9", married to college sweetheart. Computer nerd and Macintosh guru. "All my life, I, my family and friends knew I was different, but we didn't know what it was. Four months ago I discovered crossdressing, and that was the answer. Want to gain understanding and learn how to pass. Interested in connecting with other CDs and women."

Celeste R. (AL-3197)

LAUREN HALL (AL) (#62)

"Friendly, sincere, interested in making new friends and becoming more active in the gender community. Interests include music, literature, exercise, and sailing. Would love to hear from all who are honest, sincere, and non-exploitive. Interested in relationship with genetic female. Single, late 30's, professional."

Lauren Hall, P O Box 55184, Birmingham AL 35255-0184 (AL-3202)

STEPHANIE MARIE M. (AL) (#63)

Member ASA. Attended Southern Comfort '91. TV/TS, 24, 5'8", shoulder-length black hair, brown eyes. Attractive, very passable, sensual, fun-loving girl. Interested in travel, videos, movies,

nature and sun bathing, night life, and meeting new friends. "Interested in meeting attractive TS couples, for fun and possible relationship. Would like to relocate to CA someday. Photo and SASE appreciated."

Occupant, P O Box 127,3932C Airport Blvd., Mobile AL 36608 (AL-3516)

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

RUBBER RACHEL (TN) (#62)

Attractive, 6', 170, blue eyed TV. "I would like to correspond with professional, educated gentlemen and TVs interested in the company of a talented boy/girl. Sincerity, good taste, and understanding, always. Love frilled latex panties, satin slips, and flared skirts."

R. R., P O Box 210362, Nashville TN 37221-0362 (TN-1640)

TAMMI MCINTYRE (E TN) (#63)

Member Crossroads. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair. Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady. "I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture. I will try to respond to all contacts."

Tammi M. (TN-1732)

RITA HEFELFINGER (TN) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, hetero TV, 47, 5'6", 135. "Just married to a wonderfully supportive wife who helps with my dressing. Love to shave my entire body and go anywhere while dressed. We would like to hear from other CDs and couples who would like to meet for socializing and intelligent conversation. Promise a prompt reply."

Rita Hefelfinger, P.O. Box 732, Hermitage TN 37076-0732 (TN-2860)

ROBYN K. (E TN) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 44, 5'8", 136, passable; professional, with advanced college degree; involved in counselling. Go shopping en femme. Hobbies include singing, guitar playing, reading, fishing, and baseball card collecting. "Would like to correspond with CD/TSs as well as genetic females for tips on improving one's feminine image. I will try to answer all letters."

Robyn K. (TN-2744)

RHONDA WILSON (TN) (#61)

36, 6', 190, DWM, hetero TV, museular, but shapely when dressed. Interested in poetry, song-writing, walking, traveling, most music, dressing. "Wife does not approve. Trying to build nerve to come out of closet. Would like to hear from single or DWF who understands the need to be a whole instead of a half person. Travel extensively. Drive for a living. Will answer all who write."

Rhonda W. (TN-3032)

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

WENDI F. YARBROUGH (MS) (#63)

SWM, 6'2", 200, greying blond, blue eyes. 48, pre-op TS. Interested in carpentry, truck mechanics, catalogs, obtaining hormones, learning to dress and apply makeup, having electrolysis as often as I can afford it. "Here in South Mississippi it's hard to find the proper counseling and medical assistance for pre-op TSs and TVs. There are no groups to help one get out of the closet."

Wendi Y. (MS-3423)

LESLIE GILL (MS) (#61)

Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 35, 5'9". "I want to correspond with other CDs from MS and LA. Will answer all correspondence. I pass well."

Leslie G. (MS-2138)

REBECCA ALLISON (MS) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 45, hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in travel and reading. "I love being Rebecca when possible, but family and professional restraints make cross-dressing very limited. Personal meetings not possible at this time, but I will try to answer all correspondence."

Rebecca A. (MS-3237)

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

PATTI HALL (KY) (#61)

Member IXE. "Hello! I am a person in my mid thirties exploring and enjoying the beauty of womanhood. My other interests include folk music and dance, vegetarian cooking and, peacekeeping. I welcome correspondence from my sisters, and I occasionally think of starting a TV/TS support group in the Louisville area. I look forward to hearing from you.

Patti Hall, PO Box 7224, Louisville KY 40257 (KY-2035)

LINDA BUTEN (KY) (#57)

Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

Linda B. (KY-2001)

S'HER LEBONNE (KY) (#64)

5'9", 160, 10/12, nicely proportioned, computer programmer, married with non-supporting wife. Interested in fashion and beauty tips, modeling, music, stage. "Help! New lady (four years in closet) in Tiny Town, USA needs supportive sisters. Lonely and near desparate. Would love to hear from successful transitions to give me ideas on how to escape this oppression. Try to answer all!"

S'her LeBonne (KY-3519)

KARLA F. (KY) (#62)

DWM, 45, 5'6", 150. "Enjoy the contrast of both personas through the looking glass. My wife didn't. Karl is a masculine, outdoorsy engineer. Karla is a discreet business woman, shy and in the closet. Both are attractive, creative, adventurous, and overeducated world travelers. Would enjoy exploring all facets of life with TVs, TSs, or understanding GGs or couples."

Karla F. (KY-3371)

LAURA RENEE PIERCE (KY) (#64)

Member Cross-Port. Participant Be All '91. Pre-op TS, 44, 5'6", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in computers, cooking, fashion, photography, learning more about make-up, hairstyling, dancing, and being a lady. "Living full time as a woman. After many years, goals are being reached, feel good about who I am. Love to meet new friends to lend support. Will do my best to answer all."

Laura Renee P. (KY-2843)

OHIO (434- 457-)

MICHELLE RICHARDS (S OH) (#69)

Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

Michelle R. (OH-0954)

KIMBERLY SUZANNE G. (SW OH) (#62)

"Thirty-four-year-old crossdresser interested in improving all aspects of feminine style. Hope to meet intelligent, interesting people to help with new behavior. GG/TV/TSs all welcomed. Inexperienced, but willing to learn. Will try to answer all who write."

Kimberly S. Graycheck, P O Box 751632, Dayton OH 45475 (OH-1628)

MARY R. (OH) (#61)

Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total role reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

Mary R. (OH-1731)

CATHERINE L. ANDREWS (OH) (#63)

Member Transpitt. Participant Be All, Lambda Ball. MWM CD, 5'7", 170, 45. "As a lifelong CD I have accepted myself for who I am. I enjoy meeting new people and corresponding. Deeply committed to the IFGE. I enjoy outreach programs and working for the good of our entire community."

Catherine A. (OH-1770)

SUSAN M. (N OH) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. "Enjoy fishing, camping, old movies, and helping youngsters in Little League Baseball. Dress 2-3 times a week, still in closet. Want to correspond with hetero CDs in the Huron-Erie County area. If you are still in closet, and frustrated, Sue would make a great girlfriend. Discretion expected."

Susan M. (OH-2053)

MARILYN CRISTI (NE OH) (#63)

Member Paradise Club, Director of Outreach Education. Participant 1991 Be All Programs/ Speakers Chair. Legal, full-time woman. "Seeking responses from your organization's outreach personnel regarding best techniques in dealing with mixed audiences. Include any dates that you might be passing through Ohio and your availability for outreach."

Marilyn Cristi, P.O. Box 33496, Cleveland OH 44133 (OH-1919)

JAIMIE DOUGLAS (OH) (#61)

Single crossdresser, 5'10", 155, 26. Interested in fitness, shopping, music, sports, and sexy clothing. "Would like to correspond with other CDs and possibly get together with crossdressers in the Central Ohio area. I'm looking forward to hearing from you."

Jaimie D. (OH-2140)

MARJORIE MILLER (NE OH) (#64)

Member Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 165. Interested in photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."

Ms. Marjorie Miller, P.O. Box 44006 Biddulph Rd., Brooklyn OH 44144 (OH-2710)

JENNY WILLIAMS (NE OH) (#64)

6', 175, hazel eyes, brown hair. Interested in UFOs, hair fetishes, spirituality, uniting male/female soul through meditation. "Bi-TV seeking women and men for correspondence, meeting. Fetish for long hair. Love fall, art films, and the love of an understanding friend. Does anyine wish to join me?"

Jenny W., 23146 Lorain #171, Cleveland OH 44070 (OH-2714)

CATHERINE MICHALEK (OH) (#64)

"I love shopping for my wardrobe. I have a collection of books and magazines on crossdressing. I hate male clothes and don't own any. I have dressed since childhood as female. I am a full-time TV. I enjoy corresponding with TVs, and will answer all. Please send pictures."

Catherine M. (OH-2877)

JOYCE S. (SW OH) (#65)

Member Tri-Ess, Cross-Port. SWM, CD, 5'11", 180, 58 years young. Interested in reading, music, gardening, traveling. "Go out dressed about once a week--to movies, concerts, and shopping. Want to meet other CD/TSs to share these activities and gain help in being more feminine. Will answer all letters."

Joyce S. (OH-2925)

SHIRLEY MOST (OH) (#61)

Member Crossport. SWM, 38, 5'4", 135, auburn hair, brown eyes. Interested in computers, fishing, and

just being a girl. "Love to correspond with and meet other TVs in Canton/New Philadelphia area. Have yet to meet any local TVs. Love to trade girl talk and size ten clothes. Picture would be nice. Want to explore all aspects of being a woman."

Shirley Most, P O Box 6044, New Philadelphia OH 44663 (OH-3111)

PATRICIA B. (OII) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega Chapter. Attended Be All 1991. MWM, 65, 5'10", 160, retired customer service manager. Interested in dressing and being a woman, being outdoors walking and hiking, photography, and reading. "Found I was a CD a few years ago. Wife knows, is trying to accept and be supportive, but it's not going well. Five children do not know. Help! Going back into closet."

Patricia B. (OH-3026)

JULIE S. GILBERT (SW OII) (#62)

SWM, TV, 35, 5'8". Interested in new age music and meeting new people. "I am warm and caring, well adjusted and friendly. My passion is getting all dolled up in short, full petticoats and pretty party dresses to enjoy quiet romantic evenings. Would love to date sincere, discreet gentlemen, and meet TVs who love dressing in petticoats, aprons, and ultra-feminine outfits. Can travel."

Julie G. (OH-3117)

JENNY R. (OII) (#62)

6', WM, 135, blue eyes. Interested in long walks, motorcycles, and learning to pass. "I am a novice CD who would like some friends for mutual support and possible excursions outside our closets."

Jenny R. (OH-3118)

JOAN B. (OII) (#62)

MWM, 46, Bi-TV, 175, 5'6", professional, honest, intelligent, caring, and discreet. Don't pass well. Interested in sports, everything feminine, romantic evenings, and long walks. "Want to write and meet TV/TSs and GGs for friendship and help in becoming more feminine and passing. Wife does not approve. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Trying to come out. Will answer all."

Joan B. (OH-3224)

BRENDA ROBSON (SW OII) (#61)

MWM, hetero TV, 45,190, 5'11". Hooked on nylon, silk, and lace, but need total look. "Unknowing spouse limits opportunities to dress. Feel womanly inside. Been out twice, but afraid to do it again. Love to correspond with warm, sensitive, and sincere TVs. Please include photo."

Brenda Robson (OH-3154)

LUELLA M. GREENE (OII) (#62)

Single, 51, 6'2", 178, slender, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in music, beekeeping, gardening, cooking/baking, learning to sew, and calligraphy. "Have indulged in cross-dressing since age 14. Worked as a pit musician in drag while touring with La Cage aux folles for nine months. Sort of enjoyed it."

Luella G. (OH-3239)

DEBBIE C. (OII) (#63)

Member Cross-Port. Hetero, TV, 5'9", 165, 32, light brown hair, green eyes. Interested in bicycling, golf, movies, billiards, motorcycling, and sports cars. "Looking for a genetic woman who likes a man with a softer side for a possible long-term relationship. Wish to hear from and meet other TV/TSs in the Cincinnati area. Somebody please help me with my hair and makeup."

Debbie C. (OH-3286)

THERESA R. (OII) (#63)

Member Paradise Club. SWM, 39, TV, 6'6", 265, black hair, brown eyes. Interested in reading, nature, camping, golf, sports, traveling by car in the countryside. "Been dressing for fifteen years. Still in closet. Afraid to venture out. Like to meet other TV/TSs, understanding women. Have found peace and happiness with myself and now wish to share this with others. Will reply to all."

Theresa R. (OH-3244)

WENDY A. (OII) (#62)

Married, 5'10", 180, 29, professional. Interested in computers, photography, and making new friends. "Would like to meet others with similar interests to discuss personal experiences, motivations, and feeling for mutual support."

W. N. A., P O Box 845, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0845 (OH-3361)

INDIANA (463- 479-)

DEBORAH ANNE K. (IN) (#61)

Member IXE, Tri-Ess. MWM, TV, 50, 5'9", 18. Interested in gardening, boating, bowling, handgun and rifle target-shooting, computers, cooking. "My wife is aware but has no further interest. I am a stay-at-home type person, quiet, and rather bashful. I would still like to meet others and will try to answer any correspondence."

A. Kinsey, P.O. Box 550, Roanoke IN 46783 (IN-2011)

KRYSTLE C. (IN) (#62)

Hetero CD, 49, 5'7", 140, small-boned (look 39). "Raised as a girl for seven years by mother. Hair was curled nightly, and was given home permanents. Slept in night-gowns. Especially love beauty shops, makeup, beautiful night-gowns, and shopping. Seek relationship with a real woman who likes the soft side of a man, and can help me feel better about myself. Sincere and affectionate."

Krystle C. (IN-2312)

YVONNE COOK (IN) (#99)

IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee.

Member: Lifetime member IXE.

Awards: IFGE Trinity Award, 1991.

Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

Yvonne C. (IN-1009)

DAN RILEY (IN) (#99)

Member: IXE, IFGE Staff

Female CD, 40. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

Dan Riley, (IN-1802)

GAIL A. (IN) (#62)

Member IXE, St. Louis Gateway Femmes, Louisville Gender Society. Attended Be All, Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme, Texas T Party, IFGE convention. 5'6", passable. Interested in dining,

antiques, shopping. "Have enjoyed discovering and watching my femme side mature. Want to meet others from the Evansville area."

Gail A. (IN-2526)

BARBARA ELLEN BERTRAND (IN) (#61)

Member Cross-port, Chicago Gender Society. Participant 1991 Be-All. TS, 5'3", 135, 35, brown hair, hazel eyes. "Finally getting together with people to help me through transition. Would like to correspond and meet with TSs and TVs to get a small local group started. I enjoy sci-fi, Roman and Greek art, archeology, and history and ancient civilizations."

B. E. Bertrand, P.O. Box 728, New Albany IN 47151-0728 (IN-2324)

RIKKI B. (C IN) (#62)

Bi TV/TS, 35. "Shy and lonely emerging transsexual needs understanding friends to help with my transformation."

Rikki B., P.O. Box 1962, Anderson IN 46014 (IN-2578)

VICKIE MANSFIELD (C IN) (#64)

Member IXE. TS, 49 and graceful. "I am transitioning with my clients, living about 80% of the time as my real self. I am very active in the Catholic Church, MSIA, and enjoy working with the gender community. I enjoy cooking, dancing, fine wines, good conversation, and will do my best to answer all letters."

Vickie Mansfield, P.O. Box 29408, Indianapolis IN 46229-0408 (IN-2647)

JAMIE STONE (IN) (#64)

Member IXE, Cross Port, IFGE. 6', 150, 40, brown hair and eyes, TV with TS desires. Interested in photography, biking, reading, music, dressing, good food and conversation, and romantic movies. "Looking forward to meeting and corresponding with other TV/TSs."

Jamie S. (IN-2789)

CHRISTINE NICOLE L. (IN) (#62)

Member of Serenity. DWsister, 28, 5'9", 135-40, presently incarcerated, but due out soon. Wish to correspond with others for true friendship, advice, etc. Sincere about being me, and would like to help others. Am open minded and have a variety of interests. Am discreet and expect same. Will answer all who write."

Roger A. C. Luedeke, P O Box 473 (#874256) A-3-S, Westville IN 46391-0473 (IN-3233)

MICHELLE H. (IN) (#62)

Single TV, TS tendencies, 35, 6', 180, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in music, Star Trek, football, lingerie, breast development. "In and out of the closet the last few years. Would like to correspond with other TVs and TSs. Very interested in development on hormones and in trading pictures and letters. Will respond to all who write."

Michelle H. (IN-3099)

RHONDA DEE S. (IN) (#62)

5'8", 140, 44, brown eyes and hair. Interested in flying, computers, gender issues, support. "Would like to correspond and/or meet those with similar interests."

Rhonda Dee S. (IN-3170)

RONNY S. (IN) (#64)

42, 5'7", 160, brown hair, blue/grey eyes. "Love cooking, cleaning, sewing, shopping, yard sales, second-hand stores, walking, talking, holding hands. Hugs and kisses. Am not pretty, but I love to be a woman and be treated as one. Wear all kinds of clothes from evening gowns to bathing suits, and everything in between. Seeking friends. Any reply welcome."

R. Schroeder, P O Box 1432, La Porte IN 46350 (IN-3349)

LYNN ELAINE REESE (IN) (#63)

Member the Hollywood Group. Post-op TS, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, good figure, always pass. Interested in fine art, theater, fine dining, cozy evenings home, and travel. "Live and work full time, and have for many years. Professional nurse. Seek easy going man to enjoy personal time with. Also like to write to TS sisters."

Lynn E. Reese (IN-3530)

ANNIE J. (IN) (#63)

Attended Be All '90 and '91. 5'11", 170-80, light brown hair. "I am interested in feminism, myth, and culture, which means that I am interested in everything. Have been living full-time except for work and certain family obligations for about six months and loving it. Started attending a local Unitarian Fellowship in January and am actively moving out into social activities."

Annie J. (IN-3400)

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

MILESA PHAR (MI) (#63)

Member Crossroads. Participant: 9 Be Alls. Past President and newsletter editor of Crossroads. Married TV. Enjoys photography, motorcycling, travel, occasionally go out as Milesa. "Have lectured at colleges about TVism. Was past coordinator of Be All Convention. Phone line outreach at Crossroads. Produced audio tapes for wife and TV understanding."

Milesa Phar, P.O. Box 196, Garden City MI 48135 (MI-0976)

JENNIFER ANN NELSON (SE MI) (#64)

Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on

my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

Jennifer N., P O Box 431726, Pontiac MI 48343 (MI-1165)

BOBBI JAMES (MI) (#63)

40, MWM, hetero, 6'4", 250. Interested in travel, shopping. "I travel Michigan, Ontario, W. New York, Indiana, and would like to meet and socialize with other girls like myself. Don't pass, but still enjoy my feminine side. Am on hormones, but do not think I will pursue surgery. Have an understanding wife who supports my needs. Would enjoy hearing from and meeting people in my travel territory."

R. James, P O Box 251, Warren MI 48090-0251 (MI-1639)

MARCIA ANN T. (E MI) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended 1991 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165, 60's. "Tri-city area, very experienced, having shopped and dined in public for over 25 years. Love to share experiences with other sisters. Love to correspond, and promise prompt reply. Happy to share, help, and advise others."

Marcia Ann T. (MI-1871)

RANDI N. (SE MI) (#63)

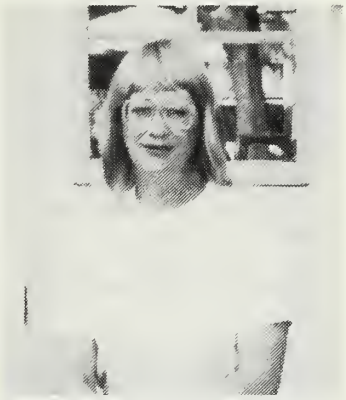
Member Crossroads. 5'9", 170, brown hair/eyes. Interested in movies, football, being as feminine as possible. MWM, Bi. "Have been cross-dressing for years. Will be out of the closet next spring when I separate from the military. Expect to start hormones then. Want to correspond with others in Michigan."

Randi N., P.O. Box 46100, Mt. Clemens MI 48046 (MI-2581)

MARSHA K. (SE MI) (#64)

MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."

Marsha K. (MI-2719)



DENISE BEACH (C MI) (#63)

Pre-op TS, 165, blond hair, blue eyes, 43, single. Enjoys movies, shopping, warm conversation, and helping others. "Am on hormones, had legal name change February '91. I have overcome many obstacles and would be happy to help others who seek advice."

Denise B. (MI-2483)

P. J. OTTENS (MI) (#63)

Member Crossroads, IME. 30, 5'6", 135. Androgynous Hispanic, M-F TG, 6-year civil servant. Interested in bicycling, muscle cars, road trips, music, and dancing. "Seek support and friendship in the Lansing area. Also seek employment in the southwestern states: AZ, NV, CO, NM."

P. J. Ottens, P.O. Box 27514, Lansing MI 48909 (MI-2745)

LYNN MARIE DAVIS (MI) (#61)

SWM TV, tall. "Enjoy moments spent as a woman. Mostly in the closet. Seek friends with whom I can comfortably step out of the closet. Travel widely, sometimes at a moment's notice. Warm and caring. You can never have too many friends. Please write. Will answer all."

Lynn Marie Davis, PO Box 431855, Pontiac MI 48343 (MI-2980)

CINDY F. DINSER (MI) (#61)

Member Crossroads, IME. Attended eight Be Alls. "Been with Crossroads eight years on the Board, Welcoming Committee, Be All Committee, Outreach. For information, send SAE."

Cindy F. Dinser, P O Box 651, Whitmore Lake MI 48189 (MI-3010)

SANDY M. (MI) (#61)

"Would like to meet and date woman in 30's (no TV or TS) who can accept and appreciate a sincere, loving, 6', 180 lb., blond, athletic man who happens to enjoy private crossdressing. After two failed marriages, only most sincere person who is looking for an intimate relationship should respond. Should be athletic and love it: bike, tennis, etc."

Sandy M. (MI-3015)

JUDITH ASHBY (MI) (#61)

Member of IME. Single TV with TS tendencies, passes well, 5'6". Interested in shopping for women's clothes, reading, feminine conversation, travel. "I would like to meet or correspond with anyone, male or female, who likes wearing women's clothes, or who would like to try it. Am experienced and could help those just starting, or those coming out of the closet. That's not a fun place to be."

Judith A. (MI-3079)

Oak) and IME (Grand Rapids). 6'6", slender 190, 34, single. "Free lance artist using many mediums. Enjoy all aspects of femininity, quiet evenings at home, art galleries, most music, movies, and home improvement. Height hinders public acceptance, so I express Joan discreetly. Would love to hear from any/all of my sisters. Will reply thoughtfully ASAP. Hug yourself."

Joan Heresy, P O Box 13263, Lansing MI 48901 (MI-3299)

MARISSA C. (MI) (#64)

Member of Crossroads. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme, Texas T Party. Single, Asian, hetero TV, 5'9", 120, size 5. Interested in computers, shopping, very passable. "Want to correspond with other TVs and women for intelligent conversation as well as girlish chatter. Only friendship, otherwise I 'vant' to be alone."

Marissa C. (MI-3346)

JARA H. (MI) (#63)

SWM, 37, 160, hetero TV with TS tendencies. Real estate investor. Lifelong TV. Interested in lingerie, lace, stockings, heels, silks, skirts, pretty dresses, sports, music, animals. "Would like to meet with other TV/TSs for friendship, etc. Need assistance and assurance from others to help me pass in public. Looking for back issues of Tapestry."

Jara H. (MI-3406)

M. STEPHANIE WELLS (MI) (#62)

5'9", early 40's, TG and very open minded. Interested in photography, books, computers, and other high-tech gadgets. "Formerly very outgoing and friendly, but presently just stumbling along. I'm reaching out again and hope to make a few friends, hear some different viewpoints, and regain my perspective. Travel through Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. Please write."

M. Stephanie Wells, P O Box 32-368, Detroit MI 48232 (MI-3377)

IOWA (500- 528-)

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

LINDA LEE ATHIE (WI) (#62)

TS, 5'7", 165-175, blue eyes, brown hair or whatever color I decide to wear. Born August 1949. Interested in all things feminine, history of WW 2, war gaming, and photography. "Wish to correspond with anyone who wishes to write, and contact those whom I've written in the past. Wish correspondence only. Answer all."

Linda Lee Athie, Box 340421, Milwaukee WI 53234 (WI-0529)

MARTHA M. (WI) (#62)

Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All '89, Holiday En Femme '91. 5'6", 150, 40. Interested in camping, hiking, cross country skiing, jogging, classical and light rock, folk, woodworking, and gardening. "Only come to accept my feminine side over the past five years. Don't dress or get out much, but would like to. Not the greatest correspondent, but will answer all, eventually."

Martha M. (WI-1459)

JANET LYNN H. (WI) (#65)

Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter. SWM, 35, professional person. "Am into photography and travel. Love to shop for anything feminine and dressing up. Have been a CD for as long as I can remember. Love to hear from all who would care to write. Am trying hard to improve my femme side."

Janet H. (WI-2141)

KATHY KLINE (WI) (#61)

42, single male. "I've been dressing since 10 years old. Love music, karate, shopping and movies. Would like to meet female who can accept what I am. Will correspond with other sisters."

Kathy K. (WI-2234)

PAULA M. (W WI) (#64)

Tri-Ess National, Chi chapter (Chicago). Participant Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest Weekend. MWM, CD, 76, 5'5", 160. Retired professor. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all the visual and performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, creative writing, astronomy. "Blessed with happy marriage of fifty years to fully accepting, wonderfully supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

Paula M. (WI-2036)

CATHY K. (WI) (#63)

47, 6'6", 18 ultra tall. Married to my very best friend. Interested in outdoor activities, visiting with friends. "My wife and I would like to expand our circle of friends in the gender community. We are also available to newcomers to the transgender community as we are very aware of the fact that there is no help available in North Central WI."

Cathy Kloostra (WI-2898)

LESLEY ANN SKOJEN (WI) (#61)

SWM, TV with strong TS tendencies. 39, 6'4", 200, long brown hair, blue eyes. Sensitive, caring individual, slowly coming out. Interested in woodcraft, craftshows, meeting people, music, dancing, developing my femininity and feminine lifestyle. Correspondence and eventually meeting others of like interests. "My first listing in Tapestry. Discretion guaranteed and expected."

Lesley Ann S. (WI-3018)

KINKI M. (WI) (#63)

37, Bi-CD. "Want to relocate to either coast and share an apt. with another TG or join a TG co-op. Sing and play harmonica. Would like to form a varied rock band centered on fun, liberal tunes, and skirts. Write if interested or if you want to share experiences, photos."

Kinki M., P O Box 1124, Madison WI 53701-1124 (WI-3445)

TANYA K. (WI) (#62)

MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, with strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Travel and dress in hotel room, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to be able to tell wife. Like classic and elegant styles. Would like to hear from those with similar interests."

Tanya K. (WI-3275)

AMY KARSTAEDT (WI) (#62)

Brown hair and eyes. 175, 5'10". Interested in camping, hiking, biking, cooking, music, and reading. "Am looking to meet transsexuals living in Wisconsin for friendship, companionship, and support."

Amy Karstaedt, P O Box 1301, Sheboygan WI 53082-1301 (WI-3134)

JAMI B. (WI) (#63)

Member of Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. 6'3", 179, 39, MWM. "My work consumes much of my time, but when I am off, I love to read and to discuss ideas and life on into the night. I enjoy biking, camping, and swimming. I also enjoy vegging out with old movies. If I were rich I would travel - preferably by train - everywhere. I am a nurturing person and a devoted parent."

Jami B. (WI-3456)

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

REGINA S. (MN) (#64)

White gender dysphoric, 5'8", 150, 43, celibate by choice and convictions. Interested in libertarian politics, history, Victoriana, reading, writing, and contemplative spirituality. "Law school graduate, but have many non-legal interests. I would just like to find a few sincere friends if any exist out there. Thanks."

Regina S. (MN-0383)

MARY N. (MN) (#63)

Member CLCC. Attended Be All, Fall Harvest Weekend, Spring Fling. MWM, 5'7", 155, blue eyed blonde. Enjoy travel, water skiing, shopping, and going to restaurants en femme. "Have been crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Have come to accept myself for who I am and enjoy it. Live in small west Central Minnesota town, but travel to the Twin Cities often."

Mary N. (MN-1740)

VANESSA S. (MN) (#64)

5'11", 165, brown hair & eyes, 40's, 16, passable, hetero CD. Interested in psychology, theology, music, books, golf, femininity, and the gender community at large. "Love dressing and going out. Happily married to supportive wife. Working on degree in counseling. My wife and I are deeply committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ and try to live accordingly. Cherish my femininity and found that I am much happier on allowing my femme self to emerge."

Vanessa S., Box 11771, St. Paul MN 55111-0771 (MN-1168)

ST. PAUL PATTI F. (E MN) (#62)

Participant Dream '78. 5'10", 185, 44, divorced, hetero, Vietnam veteran. Interested in modeling school, garage sales, human rights issues, church activities, and Emotions Anonymous. "Twin Cities area and out of the closet. I attend church and EA as St. Paul Patti. Live in high-rise housing, have received positive comments about my femme self. Life is too short to be spent in a closet. As Popeye said, 'I yam what I yam, and I'm glad I yam!'"

St. Paul Patti F. (MN-0735)

JENNIFER O. (MN) (#67)

Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

Jennifer O. (MN-0570)

KATHERINE H. (MN) (#63)

Member CLCC. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM TV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my femme side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."

Katherine H. (MN-1994)

KARIN ANDERSON (MN) (#61)

Heterosexual CD, 37, 5'8", 170, blond hair, blue-green eyes. Church musician, band leader, conductor, soloist, and talent agent. Thrice married, now to supportive spouse. Five children between us. Both dedicated Christians. Interested in arts, nature, history. "Passable. Have ventured into public many times with no trouble. Very shy and nervous, however. Looking for Minnesota CD friends for socializing and support in safe settings."

Karin A. (MN-2248)

WENDY P. (MN) (#61)

27, 5'10", 13/14 going on 11/12, brown hair and eyes. Interested in high heels, dresses, garters and hose, woodworking, muscle cars, and Corvettes. "Enjoy dressing as often as I can. Like to meet other CDs and TVs for lasting friendships. I would love to have a traveling companion to go to a CD/TV convention. Pass, but still need help. Write from anywhere. Travelsome."

W. Peterson, Box 617, Stillwater MN 55082 (MN-2193)

DEBBIE DAVIS (MN) (#63)

Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, TV, 5'9", 12/14, early 40's. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

Debbie Davis (MN-2396)

MIRA LaCOUS (SE MN) (#63)

Member MFGE, CLCC, co-sysop LateNight BBS. M-F TS, 29, very tall, slender, long hair, quite passable, living about one-third time as a woman . . . soon more. "Love getting out and meeting friends. Life is great since I started transitioning. Starting TS program at Univ. of Minn. Looking for friendship, sharing with TV/TS/GG. Write so we may correspond and/or meet. Not looking for anything sexual."

Mira LaCous, P O Box 13659, St. Paul MN 55113 (MN-2818)

KRISTINE JOHNSON (MN) (#61)

SWM, Bi-curious TV, mid 20's, 6', 185, blue eyes. Interested in movies, computers, traveling, music, reading, and outdoor activities. "Love to shop for and wear all things feminine. Professional. Non-smoker and drug free. Like to make friends in the TV/TS community. I travel regularly, and will meet with others interested in the lifestyle. Discretion assured. Please include phone and photo if possible. Will reply to all."

Kristine Johnson (MN-3087)

DIANE KANE (MN) (#61)

MWM, hetero, CD, 26, 5'10", 150, wife supportive, but still working on acceptance. "I enjoy looking pretty and feminine. My tastes vary from sexy to conservative. Would enjoy corresponding with others like myself in MN and elsewhere. Love to write. Photo would be nice."

Diane K. (MN-3107)

MICHELLE P. (MN) (#63)

MWM, tall, slender, with a very supportive wife. Interested in high heels, panties, garters, and nylons. "Would like to correspond with others in MN and elsewhere."

Michelle P. (MN-3425)

REBECCA ANNE JACKSON (MN) (#63)

SW Bi-TV, 5'6", 35, 140. Interested in sports, R & R music, having fun. "Lonely in N MN. Love to correspond with TV/TS or understanding females. Clean, safe, and very understanding. Professional income and free to travel."

R. Jackson, P O Box 189, East Grand Forks MN 56721 (MN-3526)

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)

LINDA LEA JEFFRIES (SD) (#62)

Member of CLCC. 5'8", 150, 44, single, never married. Interested in history, politics, jazz, baseball, cooking, and shopping. "I am a lifelong CD and TS now moving towards my eventual goal of SRS and full time life as a woman. Would like to hear from other TSs or TVs from South Dakota or SW Minnesota."

Linda Lea Jeffries (SD-2353)

SAMANTHA OCKER (SD) (#62)

My own, long, red hair, 6'4", 200, blue eyes, very long legs, SWM, biTV. Interested in computers, fishing, camping, shopping, snuggling, reading, AD & D, Wicca, going out with friends, travelling. "Still working on my hair styles. Love to hear from anyone. Answer all. Am looking for that special someone. Until then, would like to date."

Samantha Ocker (SD-3209)

NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-

MONTANA (590- 599-)

DIANA L. (MT) (#62)

MWM, TV, 42, 185. Interested in skiing, boating and camping, reading, and science fiction. "Would like to come out of the closet, but

rural Montana and career make it difficult. Wife is somewhat understanding. Would like to hear from married TVs to find out how they deal with dressing and a family. I need all the help I can get."

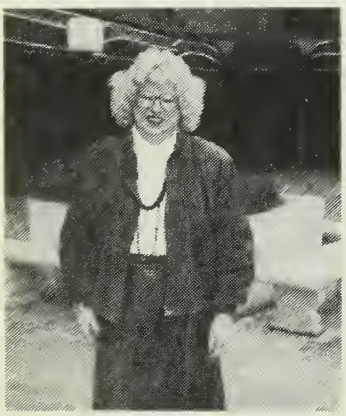
Diana L. (MT-3096)

COREENE A. (MT) (#63)

"Hello to all who enjoy crossdressing. I've many items to send to newer ones who enjoy the things we do and need help, clothes, etc. Drop me a line for requests. Please write. Send me a photo or two and tell me your likes and dislikes, exchange ideas. Will answer all."

Coreene A. (MT-3496)

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)



NAOMI O. (IL) (#63)

Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney, author of "Legal Briefs" column in Tapestry.

Naomi Owen, Box 342, Chicago IL 60690 (IL-0257)

EVE B. (IL) (#63)

IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter, Outreach, CGS. Participant Fantasia Fair, Be All, Coming Together. Awards Miss DREAM, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. "Eve is an elegant, fun-loving girl who 'exists' 2-3 days a week. Does many presentations with Naomi O. (IL) before professional and college audiences to help 'educate' on our lifestyle."

Eve B. (IL-0523)

GLORIA WRIGHT (IL) (#64)

President of Chicago Gender Society, member of Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme, IFGE Convention, Be All. 5'3", 38 years young. Interested in writing, dancing, singing, jogging, karate. "I've been a terrible correspondent lately because of time constraints, but I'll attempt to write to those I can."

G. Wright, P O Box 172, Gurnee IL 60031 (IL-0613)

GERI WATERS (IL) (#65)

Member and vice-president of St. Louis Gender Foundation, assistant representative to MAGGIE. Hazel eyes and natural long hair. Good-natured Leo. Enjoys art, writing, music, cars, home decorating, and good friends. "TS looking for sisters & friends to share thoughts and get-togethers. I dress full time as a female, and am happy as such. Spouse understands and is supportive. Remember, someone does care."

Geri W. (IL-1400)

KAREN MICHELLE R. (IL) (#62)

Member Chi Chapter. Participant Holiday En Femme. "A couple of years older and wiser. Feeling good about who I am. I still believe that being Karen is what it's all about - now more than ever. I love to help my sisters. I've heard from so many. Hope to hear from you - yes you! I wouldn't mind letters from real girls and TSs, too!"

Karen R. (IL-1514)

PATRICIA CHAPMAN (IL) (#62)

White, 45, post-op TS. "Working and going to school to get professional degree. Interested in corresponding with others who are in transition, and others."

Patricia Chapman (IL-1560)

TRACY SIKES (IL) (#62)

Tall, slim, early thirties, striving topass without question, and unsure how far to go in the transition. Interested in photography, film, art, music, and high fashion. "Hope to make new contacts nationwide. It's time to decide whether to pursue a full time transition. Would especially like to hear from those who have begun or completed the path to SRS. Want correspondence and personal meetings. I'd also like to find a TS roommate."

Tracy S., P O Box 804754, Chicago IL 60680 (IL-1616)

TERESA BEATRICE K. (IL) (#64)

6'+, 40, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst. Interested in privacy in an automated age, ethics, chess, AD&D, science fiction, space development. "I am very much in the closet and am unlikely to come out anytime soon. There is a symbiotic relationship between the computer and myself. My hobbies tend towards the cerebral, and my cross-dressing fantasies are mostly in my dreams."

Teresa K. (IL-1969)

MARY ANN FOSTER (IL) (#62)

Member Chicago Gender Society, IME. Attended Be All '89-'91, Coming Together '89, Kansas City '90, CGS/IME Weekend '91, Outreach Chairman, CGS. 5'9", 140, long blond hair, love to talk and make friends. Interested in video, flying, cross country skiing, and computers. "I keep a condo in Chicago where out-of-towners are always welcome. Will find others to talk to when you visit."

Mary Ann Foster (IL-1823)

MICHELLE MAGUIRE (IL) (#64)

Officer CIGA, Central Illinois. Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", 1955 Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy realist. "Introspective observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of transgenderism."

Michelle Maguire, P O Box 6002, Champaign IL 61826-6002 (IL-2125)

PATTI W. (IL) (#61)

Tall, friendly, nutty! Interested in music, sports, clothes, collecting fans and hats, hypnosis. "Enjoy dressing in exotic costumes. At other times, I enjoy passing as a grandmother. I love developing my feminine side and being treated as a woman. I would love to exchange letters, photos, and fantasies with anyone who wants a nutty girlfriend."

Patti W. (IL-2166)

(IL) (#62)

29 year-old M-F, soon-to-be post-op TS. Member of CGS. "I'm willing to help people just starting out seeking gender congruity. Can help with info and a personal view of the road ahead. Will answer all. Am interested in receiving articles about gender issues from other parts of the country. Will pay you back for postage. Remember, you are not alone, and help is available."

(IL-2562)

LINDA F. (IL) (#61)

MWM, 5'11", 170, 50's, in closet due to job identity. Wife not accepting. Interested in baking, cooking, model railroading, geneology, travel, brewing beer and making wine. "Dress at home only. Interested in swapping recipes with others. Would like to meet and talk with other CDs as a private support group in the area."

Boxholder, P O Box 8751, Waukegan IL 60079 (IL-2977)

JACKIE V. (IL) (#61)

Member CIGA, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together in Denver, and Be All in Cleveland. 50's, 6', 160, self-employed, energetic. Interested in antique cars, meeting other CDs. "Want to correspond with and meet with others in the TV community. Like to get to know genetic women who are supportive of the crossdressing life-style. Could lead to marriage. Am supportive of all life-styles, even though I am straight."

Jackie V., P O Box 321, Morris IL 60450 (IL-3009)

JENNIFER R. THEISS (IL) (#65)

Awards: Miss Gay Mexico, Miss Gay Germany. 5'9", red hair, green eyes, brunette, pretty, slim, very feminine. Interested in dance, entertainment, impersonations, aerobics, yoga, museums, fashion shows, night life. "Lived as a woman since eighteen. Pre-op transsexual. Worked as a female impersonator, now as a makeup artist and translator. Like to meet guys from 18-40 in the Chicago area for friendship and possible relationship. Like to hear from <u>all</u> my sisters."

Ingrid Holm (IL-2994)

PRISCILLA B. (IL) (#61)

Member of Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All, was in fashion show. 5'11", 43, 180, married, 16, hetero, stylish, blonde TV. Interested in golf, tennis, travel, dressing up, sewing, and design. Make some of my gowns and party dresses. "Slowly coming out of the closet. Wish to correspond and exchange pictures with TVs and TSs. Wife is understanding, and we would like to contact other couples. Meetings possible. Sincere and discreet. Send photo for reply."

Priscilla B. (IL-3085)

STEPHANIE ANNE Y. (IL) (#62)

DWM, 38, 6', red hair, green eyes. Interested in shopping, golf, computers, baseball, movies, all things feminine. "I am slowly coming out of the closet and would like to meet and correspond with TV/TS/TG/GGs and others into this lifestyle. I can travel to meet, or entertain at home. Outgoing personality. Love to laugh and love. Please write."

S. Young, P O Box 312, Oak Forest IL 60452 (IL-3106)

MARGO ST. VINCENT (IL) (#64)

Early 30's, 5'6", plus size, SWM. Interested in historical reenactments, Native American History, life, and much more! "Love spike heels, lipstick, long nails, stockings. I get into looking slutty. Enjoy meeting nondominant GGs who could train me in feminine culture and dress. Also want to meet Chicago area GGs, TV/TSs for shopping, photography, video sessions. Answer all with photo and phone."

Margo St. Vincent (IL-3384)

LAURA ELIZABETH F. (IL) (#63)

Single, 44, 5'7", 155, educated, caring, sincere. Interested in spirituality, psychology, C G Jung, architecture, cooking, reading, clothes/jewelry/makeup. "Although I've cross-dressed since childhood, only recently begun feeling comfortable as Laura, and have started investigating my femininity. Enjoying it enormously, and would like to hear from other sisters on paths of growth towards wholeness. Also seeking understanding gentleman for companionship."

Laura F. (IL-3249)

CATHY W. (IL) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter. Attended Holiday En Femme. Interested in music, old cars, bicycle riding, writing. "Thirty-nine-year-old CD, married. Wife is a member of Tri-Ess. Sensitive, caring, wanting to help. Will answer all."

Cathy W., P O Box 59711, Chicago IL 60659 (IL-3259)

JOEANN C. (IL) (#62)

5'8", 190, brown eyes. Interested in music, sports. "I am still in the closet, not ready to dress in a group, yet. I cannot pass. Would like to meet others who share my interests."

Joeann C. (IL-3169)

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B. (MO) (#67)

Member: TCNE, SLGF. DWM, 51, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, writing, and fashion. "Lifelong crossdresser and have always been comfortable and well adjusted with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Though recently forced back into closet, am finding myself again thanks to the wonderful support of my significant other. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

Barbara B. (MO-0258)

SANDRA ANN U. (SW MO) (#61)

Member Delta Omega, Tri-Ess, Boulton & Park, SLGF. Participant Be All, Texas "T" Party. Married to supportive spouse, 5'9", brown eyes, black hair, 65. "Spouse says I am an attractive lady. I especially love lingerie. My collection of over 200 panties is my pride and joy. I do house work and cook dressed up in my feminine attire. Free to travel any time. My supportive spouse shares my love for pretty, feminine undies."

Sandra Ann U. (MO-2243)

TERRIE REESE (MO) (#64)

Member Kansas City CAF. 5'10", long red hair, pass easily, TG, married to supportive, loving woman. Interested in computers, art, fashion, cosmetology. "Own Digital Dreams, a fantasy photo retouch service. Let us make you look your best. Write for free brochure."

Terrie Reese (MO-2809)

RITA AMORE (MO) (#61)

Member StLGF. MWM, 39, non-smoker, educated, professional. "Supportive and loving wife is my best friend. Highly disciplined athlete, interested in entrepreneurship, investments, spirituality, personal challenges, feminine expression, skin care, and travel. Would like to meet other couples in the US and world-wide. Willing to host couples in our home in St. Louis. 'Destiny is not by chance, but by choice.'"

Rita A. (MO-2995)

JENNIFER R. RUSSELL (MO) (#61)

Hetero CD, 6', 210, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, music, good conversation, fashions, makeup, projecting a lady-like image. "Am a caring and sensitive individual, interested in meeting, corresponding, and sharing with sisters. Am fortunate to have a loving and compassionate wife who supports and understands my views. Am establishing a Tri-Ess group in the Kansas City area. Will answer all letters."

Jennifer Russell, c/o Tri-Ess/ Kappa Gamma Mu, P O Box 98, Belton MO 64012-0098 (MO-3016)

KIMBERLY DE'ANNE THAMES (MO) (#61)

Member KCCAF. 37, 5'7", 140, 12, squeaky clean bi TG. Very complete femme wardrobe. Interested in shopping, reading, photography, and correspondence. "I've worn dresses since age three and always loved it. I'd like to ask our closeted sisters to come out and play and enjoy our beautiful lifestyle. I answer all my mail, honest. Send photo and note."

Kimberly T. (MO-3036)

DAVINA ANNE GABRIEL (MO) (#63)

12 years post-op TS lesbian, initiated witch, artist, writer, political activist, bohemian extraordinaire. Interested in Wicca, occult, feminism, lesbianism, art, writing, poetry, film, music, comparative religion. "Desire to correspond with other transsexuals either exclusively lesbian or bi-sexual who share any interests."

Davina G. (MO-3427)

KANSAS (660- 679-)

NANCY COLE (KS) (#99)

Member: IFGE, Kansas City CAF, SLGF

Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party, Be All

"I have been crossdressing for years, and enjoy working with and for members of our community. I travel frequently and widely, enjoy just about everything, and do well for myself, both in my male and in my female role. Interests include reading, history, movies, current events, and, of course, fashion and beauty. (I'm a sucker for the antebellum stuff.)"

Nancy C. (KS-2189)

JULIE BARNES (KS) (#64)

MWM, TV, 50, 6', 160. "Married. Wife does not know about my crossdressing. Lifelong TV. I like to dress as femininely as possible. Look much younger than my age when dressed. Hope to be able to pass as soon as possible. I was finally able to admit to someone else about my dressing (my therapist). I am trying to feel good about myself."

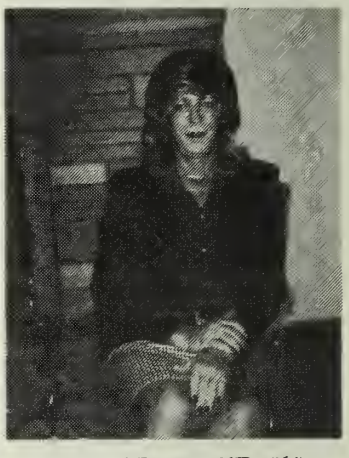
Julie Barnes (KS-2982)

NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

SHARE Z. (NE) (#62)

50's, 5'10", 200, hetero, CD. MWM with supportive wife. Interested in golf, fishing, woodworking, and being a better CD. "Wife and I enjoy shopping together for clothes for her and for Share. Have made clothes for Share with wife's help."

Share Z. (NE-2603)



MELISSA JEAN II. (NE) (#64)

Member GIC Denver, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, socializing, golf, fishing, and discovering new things. "This flower seems to be a real slow bloomer. Opening even under the limitations of country life. Enjoy hearing from sisters, would like to hear from any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

Melissa Jean H. (NE-2742)

LAURA W. (NE) (#61)

6', 165, SWM, slim and passable. Interested in golf, racketball, and shopping. "I have not yet met another TV, but I would like to attend Fantasia Fair in October. Need to meet discrete professional person that I'll have confidence in to bring me out. I am a tall, hetero TV that has an extensive wardrobe, and I am passable. I travel, and would be interested in writing anyone who qualifies."

Laura W. (NE-2973)

TAMI DIANE (NE) (#62)

"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in

the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

Tami D. (NE-3284)

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

LISA HART (LA) (#63)

Single TV, 38, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several Tapestry correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable with their female personae."

Lisa H. (LA-1717)

KAREN SCOTT (TX) (#61)

Member Tri Delta Chi. Interested in sports, watching football. "Retired. Have very supportive fiancee. Master's degree. Former coach. Capt. USAF. Stockbroker. Fifteen years in the merchant marine. Have dressed since teens. Would love to hear from crossdressers interested in forming a group in the area around New Orleans."

Karen S. (LA-2139)

DIANE B. (LA) (#64)

Member Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 40, 6', 160, emerging CD, Gemini, engineer. Avid runner, interested in chess and snow skiing. "My wife may not understand this lifelong interest, but she is tolerant and has been helping with my appearance. I love to hear from others. I do reply to all sincere letters."

D. E. B., P O Box 51611, New Orleans LA 70151-1611 (LA-2467)

ALICE HEBERT (LA) (#64)

Member Tri Delta Chi in New Orleans. TV, 6'2 1/2", middle-aged.

Alice H. (LA-2964)

MICHELLE KELLY (LA) (#61)

Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi, Tri-Ess. Attended Southern Comfort '91, Fantasy Adventure '91. 40, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, 175. Interested in computers, coin collecting, football, and anything feminine. "Lifelong CD, married with one of four children still at home. Wife is somewhat supportive. Want to make friends, correspond, meet if possible. Travel south MS and LA. Work weekends. Free Tuesday through Thursday. Will answer all."

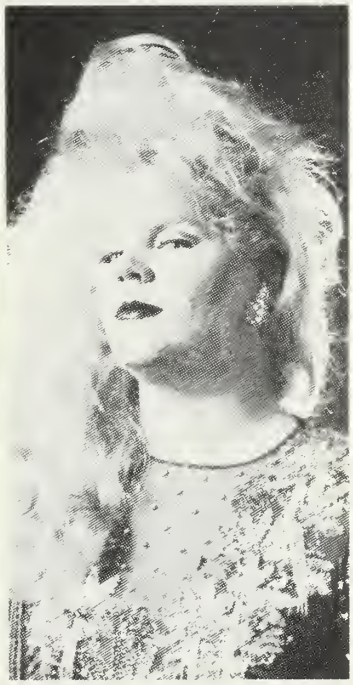
Michelle Kelly, P O Box 378, Natchitoches LA 71458 (LA-3054)

JERRI N. (NW LA) (#62)

Member Beta Chi. Participant Texas T-Party. MWM, nearing 50, 22-24. Interested in all sports, travel, and country music. "Have enjoyed going out when I can during my travels. Would like to go out more, but am not real comfortable all the time. Travel through south and southwest. Would like hear from other hetero CDs in the area who are interested in going out."

Jerri N., P O Box 38048, Shreveport LA 71133-8048 (LA-2521)

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)



ALICIA SKOGEN (AR) (#61)

Member GIC, Denver. Attended Coming Together. SWM, 26, 5'9", 170, blonde, green eyes, lifelong CD. Interested in music, movies, good food, outdoors, skiing, and good conversation. "Very comfortable in both male and female roles. Would love to correspond/meet with other CDs in my area. Also looking for mature, understanding woman for friendship, fun, and possible relationship."

A. T. Skogen, P O Box 7072, Springdale AR 72766 (AR-3035)

JANA H. (S AR) (#64)

Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 50's, 5'7", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Into full dressing eight years. Spouse helps, but not crazy about it. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-D's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more. Possibly meet in Ark, La, or Miss."

Jana H. (AR-2042)

STEPHENIE RENEE' F. (AR) (#64)

MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie.

"Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass very well."

S. R. Fowler, P O Box 1835, Springdale AR 72765 (AR-1841)

CHARLOTTE A. (AR) (#62)

Attended Texas T Party '91. MWM, 5'7", 140, 40, 10-12, passable, well-educated, professional. Interested in nature, fishing, arts and humanities, good food. "Wife understands. Enjoy shopping, dining, sightseeing as a woman. Love good friends and all things feminine. Want to start an Arkansas support group. Seeking passable CD or TS friends for mutual support, visiting, shopping, etc. Would love girlfriends to share and do things with."

Charlotte A. (AR-3166)

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

TERRI SYKES (OK) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega/ Dallas. Participant Texas T Party, '90, '91. 5'10", 155. "I would like to make contact with other CDs in the Oklahoma City area to possibly form a local Tri-Ess chapter."

Terri Sykes, P O Box 14414, Okla. City OK 73113 (OK-1324)

GEORGIA LEE H. (OK) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega. MWM, 62, 5'8", 165, TV/TS. Interested in fishing, boating, home making, and outdoors activities. "Just now coming out of the closet, meeting other TVs and TSs. Retired military, but still working as a computer consultant. Wife is not supportive, but knows. Will answer all."

Georgia Lee H. (OK-3108)

RAINA PEARSON (OK) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Tau Chi, Sooner Belles. MWM, mid 40's, civil servant. Interested in ham radio, photography, sewing, pierced earrings, heels and shopping. "Wife is trying to accept Raina. Have been dressing about five years. Just started going out dressed and LOVE it! May not pass well, but improving. Will answer all letters."

Raina Pearson, P O Box 764, Harrah OK 73045 (OK-2381)

TEXAS (750- 799-)

BETTE LEE JOHNSON (N TX) (#63)

Member IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Programs Committee, Coming Together Staff, Dallas Chapter Tri-Ess. Attractive TV, 50's, sensitive, caring, outgoing, and comfortable in the joys of being a woman. "Enjoy being dressed and feminine. Told I pass well. Enjoy parties with other TVs, and being out en-femme (with discretion). Dedicated to serving 'our' world and helping people just coming out, who may need help and advice."

Bette J. (TX-0543)

MARY ANN B. (TX) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess (Delta Omega). WM, brunette, almost 40 (ugh!), 130, and 2 inches too tall. Interested in sewing, creative fashion, cooking. "I am looking to correspond with others considering or seeking a future as a TS. Very friendly and outgoing. Would love to share experiences, dreams, and hopes (fears?) for the future. Please take some time and write. Will answer promptly."

Mary Ann B. (TX-2194)

JANICE HILARY RUPARD (S TX) (#63)

Member Boulton & Park. Participant Texas T Party (co-founder), Coming Together, Fantastic Adventure, '90 In 90.' MWM TG, 5'9", 160, 18, 60's but 40. Sensitive, caring nature. Interested in classical music, play Big Band and jazz on sax, photography and everything feminine. Live alone. "Since retiring, I've developed my femininity. Janice goes anywhere. Slow, but will answer all. Your photo will be enjoyed."

Janice Rupard, P O Box 63112, Wetmore TX 78163-0012 (TX-0567)

REN'EE CHEVALIER (TX) (#64)

IFGE Board of Directors, Coming Together Staff, TGIC, NY State Coalition, Boulton & Park, B & P TS rap Group. Participant P-Town WSG Outing, Wine Country Weekend, Coming Together, New Woman Conference, APSAI. Active TS post-op. Interested in people. "I am sick of reading all these ads where one is the same as the other."

Ren'ee Chevalier (TX-0644)

LAURA TAYLOR (TX) (#61)

SWM, TV, 5'9", 170, mid-30's. "I'm just coming out and would like to correspond with and meet others who love the feminine mystique. I would love someone to share and help with makeup, wigs, etc. My goal is to be totally passable and to be treated and admired as a young woman. Will respond to all with letter and photo."

Laura T. (TX-1254)

ROBIN E. (TX) (#61)

Pre-op TS. Young-looking 50ish. 5'11". Pass well. Live as a female. "Would like to hear from pre- and post-op TSs. Am slow to answer, but will try to answer all. Also like to hear from TVs and TSs in the area."

Robin Emmons, Box 11814, Fort Worth TX 76110 (TX-1256)

KAREN MICHELLE RUSNAK (TX) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess. "You can't keep a good girl down--so you'll never know where I'll pop up next! Nothing has changed; being Karen is what it's all about. 'Nuf said!"

Karen Rusnak, P O Box 64980-645, Dallas TX 75206 (TX-1514)

MARY LEE (TX) (#62)

Member Delta Omega, Arlington, TX. Attended Texas T Party '89, '90. TV to TG, supportive wife, over 60, 5'10", 160, military background, passes sometimes. Interested in reading, attending functions with my TV group, shamanism, spirituality, and the transgendered. "Have pen-pals all over the lot. Write real fiction."

Mary Lee, P O Box 532535, Grand Prairie TX 75053-2535 (TX-1626)

DONNA E. MOBLEY (TX) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess Board of Directors. Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Texas T Party '91, Holiday En Femme '89, '90, '91, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '89. SWM, 40-something, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Interested in scale modeling, photography, breaking nails. Widely traveled college grad, former military (combat correspondent), now professional TV/ video producer. Actively involved in community activities.

Donna M. (TX-1734)

CASEY COLE (S TX) (#63)

Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Hetero TV, 39, 5'11". "Enjoy music, building my own house, outdoor activities. Active in several clubs. Interested in visiting others while traveling."

Casey Cole, P O Box 679, Leander TX 78641 (TX-1907)

MARLINA DAWN MURPHY (S TX) (#61)

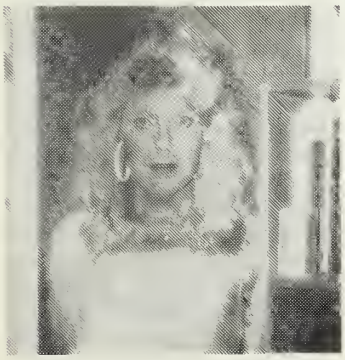
Member Heart of Texas TV, Boulton & Park. Participant Texas T Party, Fantastic Adventure. MWM, 6'2, 180, blue eyes, 12/14, 50, professional. Interested in fishing, gourmet cooking, soft music, wines, dressing. "Have supportive wife who helps me become the lady I like to be. Dressing since eight. Out and about as much as time allows. Interested especially in west TX and San Angelo area."

Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413 (TX-2211)

RIKKI SCOTT (S TX) (#61)

Late 40's professional man, lifelong CD with tolerant spouse. "Enjoy classical and jazz music, sailing, psychological and family history aspects of gender dysphoria. Doing research into gender dysphoria. Would appreciate all contacts and info (especially family history) on your CD experience."

Occupant, Box 26031, Austin TX 78755 (TX-2201)



CAROL BAKER (N TX) (#61)

Member Houston Gulf Coast TG, Austin HTGA, Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended All three Texas T Parties, Fantastic Adventure W/E. 5'11", 165, married with supportive family. Interested in going out in public, meeting people, promoting our style of life, correspondence. "Outgoing. Not shy. Love TG. Try to present best image and never harm TV. Go out often and love it. Love to meet 'real' people."

Carol Baker, Box 1424, Waco TX 76703 (TX-2179)

RENE' FENNER (W TX) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess, GCTC, CHIC, Boulton & Park, Renaissance. Attended Coming Together, Texas T Party, Fantastic Adventure W/E. MWM, 60, 6'1", 200. Interested in amateur radio and fishing. "Have been out of the closet for over ten years. Go to restaurants, clubs, and theater dressed. Am always trying to improve my feminine image."

R. Fenner, #100H, 10502 Telephone Rd., Houston TX 77075 (TX-0989)

CHERYL CLARK (TX) (#61)

Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, Coming Together '91. 45, 5'9", 148, blond hair, blue eyes, comfortable in all public situations. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, etc. Love music, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. "Am organizing programs in the Austin area to introduce the public to crossdressing. So far, have lectured on the subject of CD at the Austin Community College."

Cheryl Clark, P O Box 373, Manchaca TX 78652 (TX-2116)

MAXINE MCDONALD (N TX) (#62)

Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try to do it with class."

Maxine McDonald, Box 820852, Dallas TX 75382-0852 (TX-2223)

SUSAN JEAN SMITH (TX) (#62)

Member ETVC, Boulton & Park Society. Attended Sommernachtshall '91 (Germany), third place "Sommernachtshall Queen, 1991." 5'10", well built, very passable, very educated. Interested in writing for publication, body-building, dancing, meeting people. "Extremely good-looking Texas TV living in Europe wants to correspond with interesting, attractive people. Primarily seeking a generous man for marriage. Want to find work as a TV. Can relocate."

Susan Jean Smith (TX-2235)

LEE JENKINS (TX) (#61)

Single TV, brown hair and eyes (hair color not constant). Enjoys music, writing, photography, sports, and making videos. "Love dressing fully and being feminine. Just beginning to venture out in public, and would like support from a sincere TV, TS, or understanding female."

Lee Jenkins, #290, P O Box 2013, Austin TX 78768-2013 (TX-2316)

HEATHER WILSON (N TX) (#62)

Member Delta Omega. Attended Texas T Party '90, '91. Single CD, 34, tall and slender, enjoys sailing, acrobics, shopping, and expensive clothes. Looking for continued growth by socializing with other members of our community nationwide, as well as locally. Work to be happy with who I am. Still searching for a woman who understands me, too."

Heather Wilson, Box 550802, Dallas TX 75355 (TX-2384)

JANEY LEE (SE TX) (#64)

Member Newest member of Humanity. SWM, 5'11", 140, blue eyes. Enjoy reading (amateur historian), outdoor activities, roses. "Just coming out, love to make friends. Easy listener, love to give advice. Typical Virgo. Excited about myself and new world of understanding and compassion. Please write. Would love to entertain at my home. Like to hear from TSs and GGs who like humor, good food, and music."

J. Berg, P O Box 128, Texas City TX 77592 (TX-2772)

ROBYN M. BERRY (TX) (#64)

MWM, hetero, CD, 44, 5'8", 190. Interested in camping, computers, model railroads, dressing every chance I can. "I enjoy looking as feminine as I can, and I especially like petticoats and square dance dresses."

R. M. Berry, P O Box 5813, Katy TX 77491 (TX-2750)

JOANNA STEPHENS (TX) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. Admit to 39, 5'11", 142, 10, married, pass well. Interested in photography, travel, people, shopping, modeling, and helping others. "This gal has grown up and out in the past year thanks to many wonderful sisters. Now, a new city, a new second profession, Image Consultant. Possibly the first CD at Mary Kay. Enjoy corresponding and meeting with others."

Joanna Stephens, P O Box 4878, Ft. Worth TX 76164 (TX-2722)

PAT ANDERSON (TX) (#61)

37, attractive, intelligent, friendly, professionally employed, variety of interests. Long time CD with TS feelings. Starting to come out of the closet (and leaving all that guilt behind). "I'm still sitting on the fence about a sex change. Am in the information-gathering stage, and would like to correspond with others in transition, women, and select couples in the area. Can travel or entertain."

Pat Anderson, P O Box 9802, #367, Austin TX 78766 (TX-2909)

FRANCINE W. (TX) (#61)

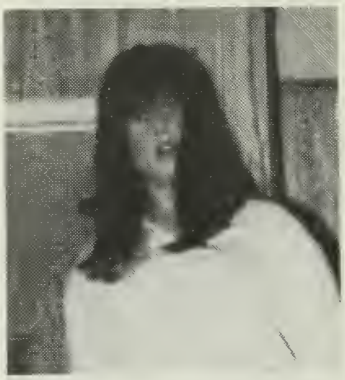
6', 175, 40, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, travel, music, reading, shopping for feminine apparel/jewelry. "Happily married for fifteen years, wife ignorant of CD activities. Passable. Love lingerie, very feminine dresses. Lifelong TV. Seek correspondence and photo exchange, advice on makeup and image, particularly from females (no paid professionals)."

Francine W. (TX-3112)

KEITH H. (TX) (#61)

5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, medium build. Interested in bowling, sewing, cleaning, and talking. "I need someone I can talk with and relate to about crossdressing. Someone who could tell me what I have to look forward to, and who won't degrade me for what I do."

Keith H. (TX-3076)



STEPHANIE S. (TX) (#61)

5'11", 170, 34, SWM, TV with TS tendencies. "I've been dressing since I was very little. Dress almost everyday, now. Dream that someday I could become a she-male movie star, but right now, I'd love to have a male CD & female friend who understood. Like rock music, the outdoors, lots of things. I've never gone anywhere as a girl, but with support, I would. Will answer all."

Stephanie S. (TX-3174)

NANCY BAKER (TX) (#62)

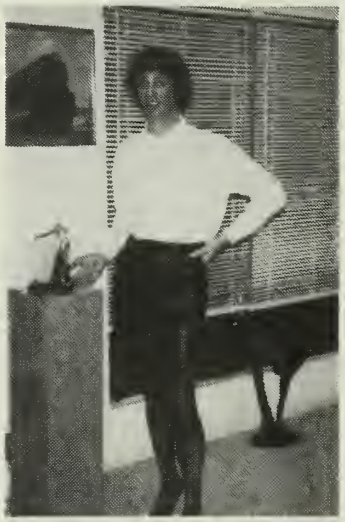
Attended Fantasy Adventure Weekend. MWM TV. Lifelong CD. Wife not supportive. Interested in corresponding and meeting with understanding GG/TS/TVs. "Not passable, but can serve as escort for passable TVs and TSs. Looking forward to meeting new friends. Discretion expected and assured."

Nancy B. (TX-3186)

DEBBIE HAHN (TX) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party. 6', 170, passable, separated, hetero CD. Enjoy outdoor sports, reading, and music. "Many great friends in DC, and numerous pengals. Confused by dysfunctional marriage. If she wore the pants in the family, why couldn't I wear the skirt? Adventurer, comedian, and smart aleck. Love transforming this boy into a girl. Lonely. Write, but be patient, I'm slow."

Debbie H. (TX-3201)



DONNA WALSH (TX) (#63)

33, 5'9", 140. Educated professional with sense of humor. Easy going. Aware of feminine side since childhood. "Have always dressed, only recently became serious. Since accepting myself, gained the happiness and confidence that had been missing. Working hard to improve my female image and become passable. Searching for understanding woman. Seeking correspondence/meetings with TV/TSs and women. Photo (returnable) if you can."

Donna Walsh, P O Box 9692, Austin TX 78766 (TX-3381)

MELISSA THOMPSON (TX) (#62)

Member HTGA. 32, 5'10", 150, married with two small children. Wife knows and is supportive if not enthusiastic. Interested in languages, cultures, and history of the Middle East. Also enjoy astronomy, country music, and running. "Only recently learned to accept myself. Greatly aided by understanding wife. Like to hear from others trying to weave their femininity into their normal lives, especially with regards to children."

Melissa T. (TX-3258)

CATHRYN PARADISE (TX) (#63)

Bi, SWM, TV/TS, 6', 160, 37. Interested in medieval history, espionage fact and fiction, science fiction and fantasy, Sherlock Holmes, Native American history and culture, genre television, jazz and pop music. "Novice TV, but my goal is to begin living full-time as a woman by the end of 1992."

Cathryn Paradise (TX-3399)

MONICA-LEE MARIE (TX) (#64)

Hetero CD, 29, 5'11", 150, healthy. "Enjoy conversation, restaurants, movies, reading, music, and travel. (Dressing.) Want feminine bond with secure genetic female. Comfortable with my genetic self, but seeking to perfect the full feminine crossover. My life is not without its share of humor and intellect. I'm ready to share."

Monica-Lee Marie, P O Box 550561, Dallas TX 75355-0561 (TX-3506)

DIANNE G. (TX) (#63)

SWM, 37, 5'11", 145. Interested in art, photography, fashion, makeup, dressing, hearing from and meeting others. "Lifelong crossdresser, bi-curious. Would like to hear from others with like interest. Would like to meet anyone in the

Texarkana area who desires an understanding person to share interests, time, conversation, or more."

Dianne G. (TX-3405)

JAY M. (TX) (#63)

Handsome, successful, athletic, WM, 42, hetero. Interested in theatre, sports, music. "Want to meet a TV/TS secure in the knowledge that she will be accorded the utmost respect and consideration. I admire femininity in every form, and find the most feminine to be a person who chooses that gender and loves to be a woman."

Jay Merch, P O Box 2672, Austin TX (TX-3454)

COLORADO (800-816-)

LAURA SMILEY (CO) (#62)

Member GIC - Denver, Delta Chapter, IFGE Fundraising Committee. Participant Fantasia Fair '89, '90; T Party '90, '91; IFGE Convention '91. MWM, forties, TG/TS tendencies, 5'10", 155. Enjoy being Laura, shopping, gardening, flying, skiing, cooking, rock 'n' roll music, being with friends. "Fun loving, caring person interested in bringing dignity, respect, and acceptance to our community. Been dressing since age five. Wife somewhat supportive."

Laura S. (CO-1556)

ROXANNE SALEM (C CO) (#63)

Member GIC, Delta Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Fall Harvest '90, '91, IFGE Convention '91. 40+, SWM TV. "Enjoy meeting sisters and brothers in this fantastic community. The development and empowerment of Roxanne has brought depth, meaning, peace and contentment into my life. Keep the life force flowing and keep believing in you."

Roxanne S. (CO-2600)

SHIRLEY K. KNIGHT (CO) (#62)

Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Texas T Party, GGA Spring Fling. SWM TV, 47, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine. "I enjoy traveling, church activities, and going out in public dressed."

Shirley K. Knight, P O Box 1042, Pueblo CO 81002 (CO-0493)

JACQUELYN ST. GREGORY (CO) (#64)

Member GIC Denver, GIC of So. Colorado, UCRSE, PPGLCC. Attended Coming Together '91. S, TS disposition, 30's, 6'1", 153, artistic, great sense of humor, sensitive and caring. "Enjoy shopping, cooking, art, design, movies, travel, clubbing, and having a great time. My lifelong tendencies were suppressed until after I survived cancer. Very active in the gender community. Also, I am quite busy socially, constantly going out."

Jacquelyn St. Gregory, P O Box, 5553, Security CO 80931-5553 (CO-2923)

RENAE E. (CO) (#64)

MWM, 40's, 6', 190. Interested in photography, woodworking, needlepoint. "Closeted, wife somewhat supportive. Dressing since age three. Would like to correspond with others to gain confidence."

Renae E. (CO-2948)

JILL BENEDICT (CO) (#61)

Member Denver GIC. Events attended GIC 10th Anniversary and Coming Together. "Dedicated in service to promoting the gender community as a viable and dignified component of society."

Jill Benedict (CO-2957)

PHYLECIA W. (CO) (#61)

"I am a heterosexual CD with some TS tendencies. Married nearly twenty years. Wife knows, but does not participate. 5'9", 165, been dressing since the age of five. Love being shaved all over, and wear soft, sheer things. Have been out since 1991 and love it! Would love all who wish to correspond to do so, as I am new to Colorado. Want to meet people and go out."

P. Weiser, P O Box 60104, Colorado Springs CO 80960 (CO-3006)

LAURA ROYCE (CO) (#62)

"Uncommonly well-intellected artist, writer, seeks evolved homo sapiens, sur(passing) preferred. Critically advanced literature, philosophy, plastic art, religion, psychology, poetry, politics; classical, jazz, rock. Objective: chiasma/decussation consisting of genius, the exceptionally cultivated or otherwise gifted for companionship, confederation. Focused rebels esteemed."

Laura Royce (CO-3227)

TRILBY O. (CO) (#62)

"I am and always have been female. I would like to get to know some men who cross-dress."

Trilby O. (CO-3271)

CAROLYN ELAINE K. (CO) (#64)

Member GIC/Denver, Delta Chapter/Tri-Ess. Professional writer/actor, single, self-employed. Interested in literature, history (esp. WW I), languages, bicyclying & hiking, travel (esp. England, France, and Middle East). "Passionate letter-writer. Would like to meet or correspond with Rocky Mountain sisters."

Carolyn K. (CO-2979)

GERI G. (CO) (#61)

MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."

Geri G., P O Box 27802, Denver CO 80227 (CO-3077)

WYOMING (820-831-)

LORI LARKIN (WY) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party. MWM, early 40's, 5'6", 125, blue eyes, slight build. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and dressing. "Finally out and loving it. Have become quite passable. Flew to Texas dressed. Like to correspond with others. Travel and select outings possible."

Lori L. (WY-3229)

LORI LARKIN (WY-3229)

IDAHO (832- 838-)

WANDA S. (ID) (#62)

SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

Wanda S. (ID-3238)

UTAH (840- 847-)

CHRISTY MILLER (UT) (#64)

Attended IFGE Coming Together Convention. Interested in shopping, travel, photography, cooking. "One can never have too many friends. Please write if you would like to be friends."

Christy Miller, P O Box 21041, Salt Lake City UT 84121-0041 (UT-2816)

LEIA CHEIQUE (UT) (#63)

Member of TCNE. MWM. Interested in dining out, mutual support, and enjoyment of CD activities. "Travel throughout US on business. Interested in contacts for social/support activities in all destinations where it will be accepted."

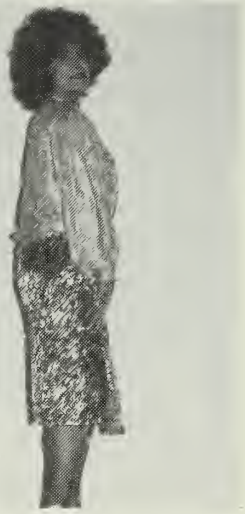
Leia Cheique (UT-3392)

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

JENNIFER S. (AZ) (#64)

DWM, 6', 170, 44, warm, sharing and caring. Interested in good food, music, cuddling, and dressing to the max. Good wardrobe--extensive lingerie, heels, wigs, make-up, etc. "Would like to meet other TV/TSs."

Jennifer S. (AZ-1056)



TOMMIE F. (E AZ) (#64)

Member Butterfly, Tri-Ess (Alpha Zeta). Attended Holiday En Femme, Be All, Coming Together, Texas T. Older TV, 6'1", 175, hetero. Interested in model railroading, military history, skiing, SCUBA. "Like too-short skirts and a bosomy look; real passion for heels, hose, panties, bras, and slips. Would like to correspond with TV sisters and exchange photos. Will anser all. Your photo gets mine."

Tommie F., P.O. Box 182, Safford AZ 85548-0182 (AZ-1158)

NORMA KAY ROGERS (AZ) (#63)

DWM, 49, 5'5", 130, pre-op M-F TS. Craftsman, artist, and writer. Intelligent and philosophical, not religious. Love animals, museums, steaks and pasta, long drives, honesty, C-W music, and life's humor. Hobbies include sculpting, computers, guns, and make own clothes. "Precious possession is little red dachshund, Wu-Woo. No drugs, alcohol. Like to communicate with GG or TS for support in transition. Commitments possible."

Norma Kay Rogers, P O Box 1232, Mesa AZ 85211-1232 (AZ-1570)

CYNTHIA M. GREEN (AZ) (#61)

Member A Rose, Alpha Zeta Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '91. Pre-op TS, or maybe TG. 6', 155, 12-14, tall, blue eyes. Thirty-nineish. Interested in bicycling, race-walking, SF, figuring myself out, little sister (learning), and big sister (helping) relationships. "Living and working full time since May '91. Changing a lot, long way to go. What a long, strange trip it's been!"

Cynthia Green, c/o A Rose, P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623 (AZ-2321)

PRISCILLA ANN S. (CTL AZ) (#62)

SWM TV/CD, 63, 6'2", 195, 22T, retired. Graying, dedicated CD, loves all things feminine, dress to "age style" of approx. 50+. "Strictly a closet TV. Would like correspondence or photo exchange with other mature TV/CDs (50-65+ age range). On quiet side, introvert, easy going. Will consider and discuss any aspect of mature TV/CD concomitant sexuality."

Priscilla S. (AZ-2457)

LEE REYNOLDS (AZ) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess Alpha Zeta (IFGE Representative). Attended Holiday en Femme, Coming Together, Texas T Party. MWM, TV, 5'11", 170. Attractive, energetic, and imaginative, forever young. Enjoy writing and swapping en femme experiences. "Would love to have your photo in my album and your name on my writing list. Crazy about photography and writing about my CD esperiences. Am a speech therapist and have a video about speaking like a woman."

Lee Reynolds, P O Box 39354, Phoenix AZ 85069 (AZ-2514)

CAROL DEARBORN (S AZ) (#62)

Pre-op, never married, TS. Enjoys peace, revisionist/conspiratorial history, unorthodox scientific/medical theory, children, hiking, nude beaches. "If I knew, years ago, of a TS sanctuary to escape to, the gospel of eliminating money, laws, and international boundaries; 'women are dangerous,' persons born breech (butt first) are different, and clothes and genitals don't make a Messiah . . . "

Miss Dearborn, P.O. Box 1417, Tucson AZ 85702 (AZ-2509)

CAROL MARSHALL (S AZ) (#63)

Member Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess, Butterfly. Attended Houston '90 Tri-Ess convention, Texas T Party '91. 5'13", 200, 47, brown eyes and hair. Interested in cooking, reading, fashion, and talking. "Like to live full time as Carol, and want to write those who could discuss the ways to live TG. Have a very supportive spouse who would like to write to other supportive spouses. Am a friendly talker who can listen, too."

Carol Marshall, P O Box 4246, Tubac AZ 85646 (AZ-2577)

LAURIE K. (AZ) (#64)

TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy creating the illusion of a sophisticated, fashionable woman who presents in good taste. Many interests including art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage

wines, and fashions. "Love to meet and/or correspond with passable CDs in Phoenix area and other parts of the country. Not interested in men!"

Lauric K. (AZ-2777)

FRANCIS NIEZNAY (AZ) (#64)

Member of A Rose, Alpha Zeta. 5'12", 175, 39 years forever young. Interested in power boats, sewing, cooking, photography, slot cars, sci fi movies, work. "Pre-op, out of closet TS. Not much of a conversationalist, but will try. Have been passing at local malls and bars. Electrolysis is painful."

Francis N. (AZ-2963)

SAMANTHA CORMIER (AZ) (#62)

Member of Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. Attended Fantasia Fair. Interested in reading, movies, music, camping, photography, and especially dressing up. "Would like to correspond with other sisters, or GGs. Open to meeting with a sister in Phoenix, even if only for a short time. Will write to all who include a photo."

Samantha Cormier, P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813 (AZ-3098)

SHELLY W. (AZ) (#61)

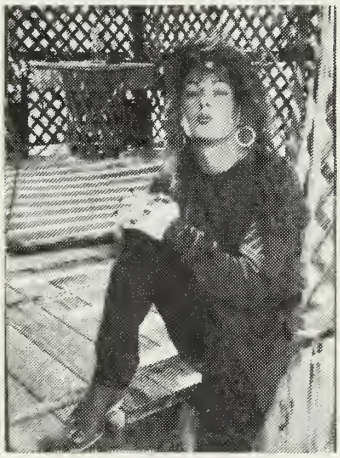
Member A Rose. 5'10", SWM, 36, love dressing, very basic. Interested in social activities, hearing from all gender people, history, poetry. Need help from other TV/TSs. Business owner. Travel a lot. Like a relaxing feeling within myself. "Would love to hear from you. Writing from the heart."

Shelly W., P O Box 5259, Quartzite AZ 85359 (AZ-3168)

DAGNY TAGGART (AZ) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. Divorced hetero CD. Interested in hiking, outdoors, camping, computers, and dogs and cats. "I'd like to correspond with and meet GGs who are interested in crossdressers. I'm 35, 135, 5'10", professional engineer, homeowner, open minded."

Dagny Taggart P O Box 10064, Glendale AZ 85318-0064 (AZ-3268)



TRISH T. (AZ) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. 5'10", 150, 37, open-minded, friendly, good sense of humor, college degrees, now single, slightly vain. Former California girl loves the beach, sailing, snow and water skiing, sports, female beauty, oldies, movies, and fitness to maintain figure. "Gone out with friends to lunch, movies, and chapter meetings. Be my pen-girl. Send SASE for exchange. You won't be disappointed."

Occupant, P O Box 44711, Phoenix AZ 85064-4711 (AZ-3320)

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

NEVADA (890- 898-)

LORI B. (NV) (#63)

32, TS, 5'11", 160, pass well. Enjoy myself and consider myself very stable. Interested in business, writing, photography, gender studies, conversation, and developing my feminine image. "Have worked long to enable pursuit of female role. Have begun electrolysis and hormone therapy. Half-time in female role with extended periods full-time. Will soon seek employment in female role. Looking for friends for support, advice, and caring."

Boxholder, P O Box 72675, Las Vegas NV 89170 (NV-3376)

GAIL F. (NV) (#62)

Bi WM, 5'8", 150, hazel eyes, brown hair, passable. Advanced degrees in Philosophy. "Love camping and hiking, good wine and books, romance, intelligent conversation, fantasy ad writing, TV stories. Been out of the closet for 20 years. Very comfortable with all aspects of my sexuality, gender, and identity. Love women and enjoy men who appreciate my feminine side. New to area. Write all TVs, couples, and men in NV, AZ, and S CA."

G. Frasz (NV-3353)

ROBERT C. ALDEN (NV) (#62)

6'3", 204, 39, hetero, SBM. Attractive, college educated, and professional. Interested in photography, collecting and taping music, writing short stories and poetry. Love to cook, go dancing, and camping out. "Would like to correspond with and meet single pre-op M-F TS or feminine TV for quiet one-on-one get together. Send letter, picture, and phone number. Will reply at once."

Robert A. (NV-3213)

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

WENDY PARKER (S CA) (#63)

Member IFGE Board of Directors, PPOC, ETVC, NWGA. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. TG, 40's, 5'9", 160. Interested in the history of our gender community. "Enjoy the company of women, free femme spirits, and other gentle souls."

Wendy P. (CA-0390)

LAURA R. COVINGTON (CA) (#61)

DBM, Hetero, 42, 5'8", 150, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet other TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

Laura R. Covington, P O Box 10431, Oakland CA 94160 (CA-0480)

ELIZABETH N. JOHNSON (S. CA) (#63)

Pre-op M-FTS, 30's, 6', friendly but shy television engineer. Passable with voice, mannerisms and body frame, but need makeup and hair styuling tips. Interested in fashion, sales, indoor plants, singing opera, computers, bicycles. "Would like to befriend warm and sincere TVs, TSs. Write, call, send video or audio cassette."

Elizabeth J. (CA-1030)

MARLENE L. (S CA) (#64)

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Chapter, National, and Tri Chi, Tulare, Ca. Attended Holiday en Femme '87, '89, received Special Service Award, Tri-Ess. 59, divorced, professional. Interested in tennis, motorcycle touring, cross-country skiing. "I help Carol Beecroft in the Tri-Ess National office."

Marlene L., P O Box 4067, Visalia CA 93278 (CA-1036)

BETSY B. (N CA) (#64)

Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

Betsy B. (CA-1104)

JANET EDWARDS (S CA) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together '89. 5'9", 150, 41, dark brown hair and eyes, hetero CD, musician. "Drummer in Mister Sister, the band at the Coming Together convention in '89. Was the first featured girl in Ladylike. Looking for CD/GGs to go out with in the LA area for fun and friendship. I am passable and comfortable in any situation."

Janet E. (CA-1102)

NANCY WILSON (S CA) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess, Neutral Corner, ETVC. 5'9", 150, dark hair & eyes. "Creator of Crowning Glory Wigs for crossdressers in partnership with Mona (owner of shop). See ad."

Nancy Wilson, c/o Crowning Glory Wigs, P O Box 40366, San Diego CA 92164 (CA-1374)

LORRAINE ELLEN HALL (CA) (#64)

Member ETVC. Pre-op TS, over 50. Some hormonal development. Lived full-time for short periods and planning full-time. Interested in art, photography, music, theater, movies, bridge. "Emerged from closet 5 years ago. I have surmounted many obstacles and my goal now seems to be within my grasp. I would love to hear from others who may share my dream and welcome their comments, advice, and questions."

Lorraine H. (CA-1150)

SHARON LOUISE (C CA) (#63)

Member Rennaissance. 5'6", 165, white hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. "Been this way for most of my life. Everyone guesses some 10 years less than my actual age! Am well-read, former semi-pro baseball player, excellent bowler, good roller-skater, dancer, and conversationalist. Began wearing corsets at a very early age, but did not become a total CD until 30's. Love to correspond, and possibly meet others in my area."

Jas. C. Morgan (CA-1303)

CYNTHIA HOWARD (N CA) (#62)

Member E D Gender Alternatives League, IFGE Congress of Reps, NOW, ETVC, SGA, RGA, IMAGE, Tri-Ess. Founder, national executive director Gender Alternatives League. Genderist, author, publisher and lobbyist working as a woman with government agencies, minority groups, and educational institutions. "Working to unify our community, promote gender activism, get our community out of the psychiatric books and journals, and off this can-be-discriminated-against list. Will communicate as time allows."

Cynthia Howard, Box 3392, Napa CA 94558-3392 (CA-1453)

SHARYN STEVENS (N CA) (#61)

SWM, Bi-TV, 31, PhD student, discreet, attractive. Interested in Aikido, progressive politics, personal growth, computers, biology, learning how to pass. "Am more and more out. Have told family and close friends. Finally growing my hair long! Will start electrolysis. Looking to date non-smokers as Sharyn: men or women who like TVs, including female TVs who enjoy role switching; as Steve: pretty TVs and TSs, or open-minded, accepting women."

Sharyn Stevens, P O Box 1172, Berkeley CA 94701 (CA-1472)

ROXIE HOROWITZ (S CA) (#62)

S TV, 43, 5'8", 155. "TV or not TV is not the question, it's the answer. The question is watching television vs. going out crossdressed. Throw out your anxiety and release inhibitions. My goal as a performer was a live, one person show. I run for physical health, speak for my mental health, and CD for my creative expression. End your frustration by becoming the opposite sex. I am a dragnut!"

Roxie Horowitz (CA-1636)

DONNA LYNN FREEMAN (N CA) (#63)

Member DVG, RGA, Tri-Ess, ETVC. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 45, 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 4 years.

Understanding and actively supportive wife."

Donna Freeman, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885 (CA-1664)

LYNN LAND (CA) **(#63)**

Tall, trim, athletic, educated, successful, 42. Interested in meeting S. CA women, TV/TSs that are intellectually interesting and physically very attractive. "Bi-TV with a very balanced, calm, successful lifestyle. Looking for very together females (Bi) and TVs that live rational, caring lives. Looking for stable, healthy, long term friends."

Lynn Land, P O Box 2000-221, Corona Del Mar CA 92625 (CA-1684)

RACHEL DETTMER (N CA) (#63)

Member ETVC in SF, RGA in San Jose, DVG in Walnut Creek. Participant Two Fantasia Fairs, two Texas T-Parties. 5'10", brown, blue, 51, pass well. Interested in all things feminine, computers, going out dressed with TV or alone, but best of all with my wife. "Recently married to an understanding woman who knew . . . best girlfriends and a wonderful wife. I'm smiling a lot of late!"

Rachel Dettmer, P O Box 56362, Hayward CA 94545-6362 (CA-1811)

ANN L. (CA) **(#64)**

Member ETVC, RGA, Phoenix Rising, Neutral Corner. 140, 5'7", 39, M-F TS SRS in two years. Metropolitan nightlife, cosmopolitan lifestyle. "Seeking non-sexual meetings and correspondence with other TSs. Joint living and career opportunities welcomed. No men, please."

Ann L. (CA-1840)

ROSALIND P. (CA) **(#63)**

Member CHIC, PPOC, Tri-Ess. Attended Be All, Esprit '91, Coming Together, California Dreamin'. 6'1", 180, late 50's. Interested in shopping, dining out, theatre, jazz music, meeting new people. "I am supported by my wife. We are involved in couples' support groups."

Rosalind Probstfield (CA-1876)

ELIZABETH BLAIR (SCA) **(#64)**

TV, 43, 5'10", size 20. Interested in shopping, cooking, photography, and all things feminine. "I travel the western states and enjoy meeting and writing other TVs, especially large sized sisters. Like to go out dressed with TVs to clubs, shopping, etc. Am married to a somewhat understanding wife."

Elizabeth Blair (CA-1927)

JAN N. (CA) **(#63)**

Member PPOC. Attended Texas T Party '90. MWM, 5'11", hetero TV, 47. Interested in writing, movies, books, computers, cross-dressing, and everything feminine. Just married to an understanding, A+ wife. Would like to meet and/or correspond with other couples."

Jan N. (CA-2210)

MELISSA M. FOSTER (S CA) **(#61)**

Member Feminine Image, PPOC, ETVC, NWGA, Alpha Zeta, A Rose, Neutral Corner, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together. Cute TV, 40's, 5'10", 185. BS in engineering, USAF Reserve. "I travel around the world and enjoy meeting & writing other sisters. Often go out dressed. Enjoy music, dancing, sports. Write for several gender publications. Enjoy being involved in activities that will help my sisters and friends learn and grow."

Melissa Foster, P O Box 816, Lakewood CA 90714 (CA-2099)

JANELLE AILENE SEXTON (CA) **(#65)**

Member of ETVC, Diablo Valley Girls. Divorced, hetero, TV, 37, 6', 190, red hair, blue eyes. Interested in square dancing, period costumes, and simulated pregnancy. "Enjoy going out dressed as a woman."

Janelle Sexton (CA-2327)

ROXANNE R. (S CA) **(#61)**

DWM TV, 37,6'1", 240. Lifetime, closeted TV. Enjoy shopping, dressing, music, frills, golf, and pool. Would like to correspond and meet with other CD/TSs, or men interested in such. "I am a very open and loving person. Will answer all who write. Live in the Inland Empire area."

Roxanne R. (CA-2174)

ROXANNA R. (N CA) **(#62)**

Member ETVC. Married TV, 6', 175, redhead or blonde. Open, supportive lifestyle and marriage. "Art is a lie, to reveal a deeper truth. I am a college-educated professional artist interested in correspondence and/or meetings with TVs, sincere men, and others to share a sense of mystery, illusion, and androgyny by CD as an art."

Roxanna R., P O Box 8182, Berkeley CA 94707 (CA-2350)

KAYLA ALLEN (CA) **(#62)**

WM, TV, 26, 270, computer systems analyst. "My heavy involvement in science fiction fandom precludes much contact with the gender community, but am a sympathetic listener. If you are interested in both the science fiction fan community and its crossover with the gender community, drop me a line. I've appeared as Kayla at SF convention to do a Gender Benders of Fandom panel."

Kayla Allen, P O Box 95, Sutter CA 95982 (CA-2459)

LEONA MARTIN (C CA) **(#62)**

Member Tri-Ess. 65, 5'9", wife very supportive. "Love who I am, what I am, as well as gender sisters (TV/TS). I adore nice clothing, being buxom, and the soft, gentle aspects of femininity. I do turn exhibitionist for a camera. I would love photo sessions with others who are

interested in self-improvement, sharing more than just fantasies. Will answer all."

Leona M. (CA-2505)

MELANIE B. (SW CA) (#67)

5'3", blue eyes, light brown hair, caucasian, 41, M-F pre-op TS. Facial electrolysis completed. On hormones one year. Interested in the arts, doll collecting, motorcycles, cooking, shopping, brainstorming, thrift stores, people, and museums. "Interested in F-M TS, pre-op or not, for friendship and possible long term relationship. No cigarets, drugs, or alcohol. Am dependable, hard-working, monogamous R.N. I'm agnostic, you?"

Melanie B. (CA-2566)

LORI CALLWAY (SW CA) (#63)

5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, 60's rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

Lori Callway, P O Box 64312, Los Angeles CA 90064 (CA-2586)

BOB DAVIS (N CA) (#64)

"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: Tapestry, prior to #39, Ladylike #1 and 2, Female Mimics International #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's Drag and Virginia Prince's Transvestia."

Babs D. (CA-2620)

TRISH ANDERSON (CA) (#62)

Member PPOC, Alpha Chapter, Tri-Ess. SWM TV, 33, 5'8", 150, Television Engineer. "Cute, friendly, energetic. Love computers, electronics, airplanes, music, and our community. Sysop for Cross-Connection computer Bulletin Board. Been out for about four years, and have come to love both selves and have begun to integrate them effectively. Ready to take on leadership roles in the community. Want to correspond and get together in the LA area."

Trish A. (CA-2599)

TOM WILLIAMS (CA) (#64)

Single male, 48, 5'10", 180, brown blue. "Genuine nice guy, patient, intelligent, non-smoker, monogamous. Correspond, meet with passable ultra feminine, marriage-minded, stable girl-next-door to super sexy TV, she/male, pre/post-op TS, 5'7" or under who wants to live/share a real life. No pros or free rides."

Tom W. (CA-2637)

JULIE B. (SW CA) (#63)

Member Tri-Ess Alpha Chapter. Hetero male, CD, 5'8", 150. Interested in long walks, computers, sailing small boats, and world travel. "Married fifteen years to an unusually understanding wife. Still working out small details. Like to correspond with sisters and wives, but be patient. Still hang out mostly at home, but do go to some Alpha meetings. Am quiet and shy, but I need to meet others."

Julie B., P O Box 8412, Northridge CA 91327-8412 (CA-2639)

AMIRANDA II. (C CA) (#63)

Member Neutral Corner. 29 years old, 5'6", 135, brown hair and green/brown eyes. Interested in computers, Sci-Fi & Fantasy, animation. "Looking for pen-friends in the community. Also interested in meetings."

Amiranda H. (CA-2769)

JULIE ANN R. (CA) (#64)

SWM, TV, 40, 5'8", 150. Still closeted, but trying to come out. Interested in fashion, clothes, makeup, shopping, gardening, cooking, hairstyles, developing all aspects of my femininity. "I am quite content to have both male and female personas. I would enjoy meeting others. I am honest, sincere, and quick as possible with correspondence. Enjoy 'girl talk' through the mail, and possible meeting."

Julie Ann R. (CA-2892)

KRIS C. (C CA) (#63)

TV, 5'8", mid-thirties, brown hair/eyes. Sensitive and caring. Interested in feminine fashions, shopping for clothing, music, computers, sports. "Have been a lifelong crossdresser who enjoys achieving the complete feminine look. Always open to advice on improving my appearance. Will try to help anyone who corresponds by writing/photos."

Kris C. (CA-2713)

TRACY MORGAN (CA) (#64)

"Although I am bisexual, I have decided to remain faithful to my wife. All are welcome to write, but I am particularly interested in hearing from anyone in a similar place in their own life. If you are a good letter writer, perhaps we might develop a friendship. I also enjoy photo exchange, psychotherapy, movies, music, and the Boston Red Sox."

Tracy Morgan, P O Box 7543, Van Nuys CA 91409 (CA-2835)

MELANIE HOWARD (CA) (#64)

38, 5'11", 145, MWM, 12, CD with TG/TS tendencies. Enjoys dresses, skirts, heels, and most things feminine. Interested in gender dysphoria and its relationship in our culture. "I have accepted Melanie completely, and couldn't be happier about it. Look forward to sharing with others and contributing towards a better understanding of gender issues in our communities. I enjoy all correspondence and will answer quickly."

Melanie H. (CA-2899)

LISA R. (CA) (#64)

MWM, 5'10", 145, mid-thirties. Enjoy gardening, photography, and skiing. "Have crossdressed all my life. Just started going out. Interested in corresponding with others in LA area. Photo exchange and meeting."

Lisa R. (CA-2926)

CHELSEA BROWN (CA) (#61)

Married TV, 6', hazel eyes. Interested in computers, reading (and writing) TV fiction. "Still learning (and enjoying it), and just starting to go out en femme."

Chelsea Brown, P O Box 2025-364, Tustin CA 92680 (CA-2934)

LUCY ANN JONES (CA) (#64)

Member ETVC. Attend most events in Bay area. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, WF, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F TS (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. Enjoy music, dining out, pet lizards, and Siamese cat. "Pisces sun sign, Taurus moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-sexual lesbian in lesbian relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

Lucy Ann Jones (CA-2833)

BARBARA HARRIS (CA) (#61)

"I am a tall, trim, 55 year-old, novice crossdresser who has finally found the inner strength to express his femininity. I am an intelligent, caring, professionally-employed person with a fine sense of humor. I would like to communicate with experienced persons for friendship and guidance in my development."

Barbara H. (CA-2993)

FRANCES II. (CA) (#61)

Member Tri-Ess. Hetero WM, 5'7", 180, 48, married 29 years to same woman. Interested in old cars, gardening, antiques, crossdressing. "Have crossdressed to some degree since age 7 or 8. Have finally accepted my feminine side. Because I am unsure about passing, I seldom go out dressed. Would like advice about makeup and hair. Would like to hear from other CDs. Will answer all letters."

Frances Harvey, P O Box 629, New Castle CA 95658 (CA-2998)

JOLYNN VEIRA (CA) (#61)

DWM, 48, 5'7", 160, CD since early teens, artist (MFA), but now working in a managerial position in a barely related field. Interested in art, computers, computer art and animation, fixing and decorating my own house. "Always closeted and fighting it through two marriages, but now enjoying it. Would like to hear from and get in contact with all, especially supportive females who can be understanding and discreet."

Jolynn V. (CA-3017)

MARY ANNE S. (CA) (#61)

Member ETVC, Rainbow Gender Alliance. 5'8", 160, blue eyes, 40-31-38, 14, WTS, single, 41. Interested in science, especially astronomy, cooking, gardening, and music. "Recently out of the closet and excited about the possibilities of the paraculture. Am hetero, but would enjoy dressing with anyone from our androgynous community."

Mary Anne S. (CA-3030)

JULIE YON (CA) (#61)

5'9", 35, Asian-American. "I love makeup and feminine finery. Like fish-pond gardening, billiards, and darts. Would enjoy exchange of letters from all TV sisters, especially other Asian-Americans."

Julie Y. (CA-3019)

JUDI BENSEN (CA) (#61)

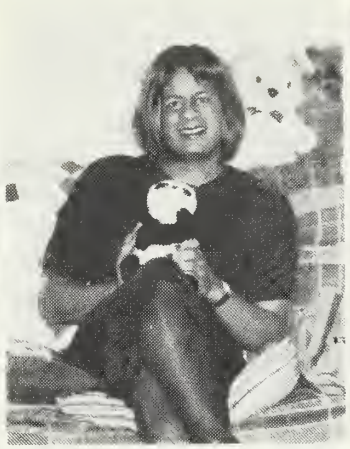
6', 170, won't admit to over 37 years! Very athletic, MWM, heterosexual. Interested in cycling, anything feminine, spending precious time as Judy. "I'm just learning about myself and am seeking others to correspond with about our world. Wife has seen me dressed, but doesn't have full understanding. Don't bother with sex. Photo OK, but not required. Let's write about us."

Judi Bensen, P O Box 1866, Huntington Beach CA 92647 (CA-3063)

SUZANNE S. (CA) (#62)

SWM, 32, 6'2", 200 and losing. Well educated, working toward M. Degree. Interested in the arts, sports, cars, staying fit through aerobics, tennis, and bicycling. (No more weight-lifting!) "Starting again after a five-year hiatus. Military. Back in US after five years overseas. Always been in closet. Previously CD in KY and TX. Your experiences convinced me to seek my true self once again - CD or TV. I'll let you know when I find out."

Suzanne A. (CA-3172)



JOSEPHINE C. (APO-SF) (#61)

"I'm a black hetero CD, 5'10", 185. Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding to my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Due to the nature of my profession, I cannot. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG for friendship. Please write."

Josephine C. (CA-3137)

PEGGY D. (CA) (#62)

MWM, hetero, 53, 154, 38-28-38, 6'2". "Peggy is a fun-loving gal who goes out shopping & dining alone, occasionally, and would love to have a passable friend nearby for company on trips to the malls. Peggy is sexy, but decent, and promises to answer all the mail she receives."

Peggy D. (CA-3183)

KRISTEN HENDRIX (CA) (#61)

Bi SWM, 27, 5'9", 135. "Dressing off and on since preteens, yet never gone out. Rapidly coming out of the closet. Enjoy hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, skiing, sailing, country music, photography, and shopping. Truly a jeans-and-t-shirt girl with a Far Side sense of humor, but have no problem doing the theater scene, too. Desire correspondence with understanding females 22-32 and other TV/TSs in the N CA area. Photo exchange optional."

Kristen H. (CA-3184)

BILLIE JEAN JONES (CA) (#62)

Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish TV Guise - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

Billie Jean Jones (CA-3205)

PATRICIA M. (CA) (#62)

Member ETVC. 5'6", 140, SWM, brown hair, green/brown eyes, bi TV, 12-14, lean, athletic body. Commercial artist/fashion illustrator. Interested in art, fashion, drawing, music, travel, movies, theater, aircraft (former pilot). "Love being a woman. Fairly passable and would like to meet TV/TS for companionship/dating. Like to go shopping and day trips in the SF area. TS is my goal. Enclose photo/phone."

Patricia M. (CA-3248)

JESSICA J. (CA) (#62)

41, 6'1", 190, San Diego resident. Attended Provincetown '91. Enjoy occasional outings, shopping, sharing experiences. "Wear party clothes, breezy items, and sissy look. Travel frequently. Don't pass on outside, but very comfortable within."

Jessica J. (CA-3266)

PAIGE D. (CA) (#62)

MWH, 5'11", 180. "Just out and still nervous. Would like to meet and hear from others new to the community."

Paige D. (CA-3307)

DAINA H. (CA) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, California Dreamin' '90. Attractive, passable hetero TV who is extremely feminine in all aspects - voice and mannerism. Loves day time (and night time) outings. Travels extensively.

Daina H. (CA-3325)

JENNIFER MICHAELS (CA) (#63)

5'10", 140, MWM, passable. Enjoy shopping, biking, surfing, going out as Jennifer. "Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Would like to correspond with others and share insights on how to balance CD and family life. Enjoy trading advice and suggestions regarding dressing. Will answer all letters."

Jennifer Michaels (CA-3358)

LINDA MARIE ADDISON (CA) (#63)

M-F pre-op TS. 41, 5'11", red hair, blue eyes. Interested in my transition into femininity, shopping, theater, jazz, being out with friends. "Began '92 by living full time. Hormones for one year. Would like to hear from TS sisters for friendship and to share support on our wonderful but difficult journey."

Linda Marie Addison (CA-3360)

BONNIE W. (CA) (#63)

40+, 6', 190. Interested in golf, tennis, cooking, shopping. "Able to be Bonnie 2-3 days per week. Wife not supportive at all. Mother started dressing me at early age. Still feel guilty sometimes. Will answer all who write. Please send photo if possible."

Bonnie W., P O Box 801416, Santa Clarita CA 91380-1416 (CA-3390)

SALLY ADAMS (CA) (#63)

Member PPOC. MWM, 5'7", 150, nonsmoker, enjoy good wine, mid-50's, friendly, sense of humor. Pretty man, prettier woman. Interested in music, shopping, travel, making friends, everything feminine. "Parents dressed me as a girl in early childhood. I nurtured that joy throughout school, marriage, and career. Wife not supportive. Pass well. Love to correspond."

Sally Adams, 7299 Orangethorpe Ave., Box 171, Buena Park CA 90621 (CA-3517)

SANDI B. (CA) (#61)

MWM, hetero, CD, 60, 5'8", 145. Conservative dresser. Interested in photography, sailing, scuba. "Started dressing at age 12. Still striving to look as naturally feminine as possible. Married 30 years to wonderful woman who helps me select and obtain coordinated outfits, but can't participate. Love all things feminine, especially long, manicured nails, smooth legs, sheer hose, and pretty shoes."

Sandi Buell, P O Box 1038, Bonsall CA 92003 (CA-2989)

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967-969-)

TRACY RYAN (III) (#61)

Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach, President of same. Awards Miss Femininity, Fantasia Fair, 1990. Hetero CD, 35, 5'8", 145. Outer dresser. "Pass shopping, dining, etc. Active in Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. I'd love hearing from sisters elsewhere. I've met or corresponded with over one hundred in 1990. I'd also love to hear from genetic females. I don't like hearing from male 'admirers'."

T. Ryan, 777 Kapiolani Blvd, #3114, Honolulu HI 96813 (HI-2180)

CLARA ANN BULLARD (III) (#62)

Member Delta Chi chapter Tri-Ess. 6', 180, size 20. Interested in flowers, plants, and cooking. "Been dressing since a teenager. Have been out 'window shopping'-driving around most of life. I don't pass too well as a lady, but it's fun. Love feeling feminine, touching silk and satin, just girl things."

Clara Ann Bullard, P O Box 1210, Kapaa HI 96746 (HI-0955)

LANA A. (III) (#63)

Asian, hetero, CD, 41, 5'9". Interested in all aspects of our wonderful feminine life-style. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Still in closet. Anxious to go public. "Love to meet with, correspond with sincere, discreet CDs in order to enhance our female image. Will answer all letters."

Lana A., P O Box 22891, Honolulu HI 96823-2891 (HI-3308)

REBECCA ANN M. (III) (#63)

Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. Single TV. "Want to 'Be All I Can Be.' My children have completed their education, now it's my turn. Here I come. Love to hear from you. Wonderful beaches here to try your bikini. Come meet with our group. We have fun! Aloha to all my sisters."

Rebecca Ann Mathieu, P O Box 6018, Honolulu HI 96818 (HI-3518)

LANI KEE (III) (#63)

Attended Texas T Party '91, Holiday '90, '91, Coming Together '91. Hetero CD, 140, 5'10". Interested in working out, swimming, golf, music, and traveling. "I dress occasionally. Go out whenever possible. Will respond to all correspondence ASAP. General interest in other CDs all over."

Lani Kee, P O Box 6178, Kahului HI 96732 (HI-2593)

OREGON (970-979-)

RACHEL M. (NW OR) (#62)

Single WM TV, 29, gorgeous and fun. "I want to meet friends in the Portland area for understanding and good times."

Rachel M. (OR-2654)

ELLEN SUMMERS (OR) (#64)

IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

MS. Ellen Summers, c/o NWGA, Box 4928, Portland OR 97208-4928 (OR-0382)

JENNIFER M. (OR) (#62)

Member NWGA. Awards La Femme Magnifique. 5'7", 138, enjoy all of feminine life--shopping, dining, theater. "Other than at work (health professional), I can dress anytime. Trying to learn to sew dresses and lingerie. Wish to pass as a woman in all activities. Kayaking, biking, and hiking are great in Oregon. Will correspond with all and exchange photos."

Jennifer M. (OR-2421)

CAROL T. (NW OR) (#63)

5'10", 190, brown hair/eyes. Interested in reading sci-fi and historical novels, sailing, and flying. "Still in closet. Would appreciate meeting local sisters for help in coming out."

Carol T. (OR-2702)

KAREN PHILLIPS (OR) (#62)

5'8", 165, hetero, 10, brown hair and eyes. Divorced. Interested in dressing up, heels, makeup, hair; camping, computers, golf, woodwork. "Just coming out. Want to meet other girls in the area and exchange ideas. Not passable, yet, but with a little practice, I'll be ready. Dying to go out!"

Karen P. (OR-3158)

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

KAREN KENT (NW WA) (#63)

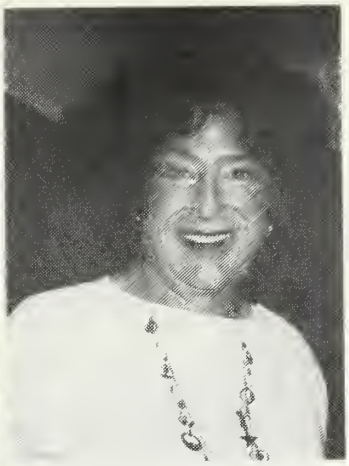
Member NWGA, RCGC. 49, 5'9", 183. "Friendly, came out of the closet in '81, and will never return. Have grown in the understanding of my feminine nature. Have written articles on CD and been on panel discussions. Enjoy meeting and writing to others."

Karen Kent (WA-0322)

SANDY S. (WA) (#63)

Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

Sandy S. (WA-1022)



JUDY OSBORNE (WA) (#63)

Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Attended Fantasia Fair, Esprit '91. 5'11, 155, married. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Love being a woman out in the world. Especially love sharing myself with a widening circle of family and friends."

Judy Osborne, Box 19394, Seattle WA 98109 (WA-1024)

AMY JO C. (W WA) (#63)

Member Emerald City-Seattle. 5'11", black hair, hazel eyes. Enjoy lingerie, sexy nylons, high heels, anything feminine. "Would like to meet other TV/TS in the same area."

A.J. Carmody (WA-1181)

MICHELLE LEE H. (WA) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Emerald City, NWGA, Boulton & Park, ETVC. Attended Holiday In Femme, Be All, Esprit, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, Dignity Cruise. Interested in cooking, gardening, flowers, golden retrievers, golf, reading, music, shopping, reaching out, and annual Esprit week in the northwest.

Michelle Lee H. (WA-1446)

JENNIFER MARTIAN (SW WA) (#63)

Single M-F pre-op TS, 5'11", 170, brown/blonde hair, brown eyes. "It is very lonely here in Tri Cities, Washington. I would very much like to meet others."

Jennifer M. (WA-1710)

MARY GIBBONS (WA) (#63)

Member Emerald City. Participant Tri-Ess Holidays, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together conventions. MWM, 50. Enjoy music, family, friendships, and thought. "Have season tickets to the opera and the ballet. Love having dressy events to plan for. Have developed close, accepting friendships, but always interested in more. Have an accepting family and strive for balance. Glad to correspond with all."

Ms Mary M. Gibbons, P O Box 1151, Mercer Island WA 98040 (WA-1826)

MELISSA LEEANN PRATHER (WA) (#64)

Member Emerald City, Omega Alpha Tri-Ess, NWGA. 5'9", 190, 57. Interested in sewing and design art, calligraphy, scale model planes, stamp collecting, model railroading. "Have a supportive wife. We go out shopping together, and dine out. Have been out of closet three years. Want to build up friendships."

Melissa LeeAnn Prather (WA-2102)

JEAN G. (WA) (#61)

WM, TV, 5'11", 175, 49. Interested in flying, old cars. "I've been crossdressing since age 12. Married 30 years. Wife knows, but is non-supportive. I don't dress completely very often, but wear bras regularly. I will answer all letters."

Jean Gruber, P O Box 2876, Renton WA 98056 (WA-1331)

STEPHANIE NELSON (WA) (#62)

Hetero CD, 6'2", 160, 40, brown hair, green eyes, professional. Interested in skiing, tennis, camping. "Would like to develop honest, sharing friendship, non-sexual. Would also like to pass in public. I would particularly like to hear from other CDs, TVs, or TSs in Spokane area."

Stephanie Nelson, P O Box 15183, Spokane WA 99215 (WA-2318)

JESSICA MORGAN (WA) (#61)

Member NWGA, Emerald City. Attended California Dreamin'. Married, hetero TV, 35, 5'10", 170. "Self-employed professional. Have recently come out of closet after thirty years of guilt. Excited about improving feminine image, and would appreciate tips from anyone interested in sharing ideas. Next step in my life is to share Jessica with my wife of ten years. Would also like to correspond with other couples."

Jessica A. Morgan, P O Box 3891, Federal Way WA 98063-3891 (WA-2975)

RANDI LEIGH DENNIS (WA) (#61)

Member Emerald City. 5'3", early 30's, brown eyes, hair: dark auburn to light brown depending on my outfit and my mood. Hetero CD headed towards TG. Interested in photography, sports, classical rock, jazz, rock, WW II history, Sci-Fi, trains, cats. "Would like to help others understand our special duality. Race or religion not important, sincerity is. Will answer all. Want to expand my circle beyond TV/TSs to GGs who want to understand us."

Randi Leigh Dennis (WA-3042)

LISA HUYEN (WA) (#61)

Member of Tri-Ess. "Have been dressing for thirty years. Would consider TS to become completely a woman. Attractive Asian. Photo on request."

Lisa Huyen, P O Box 10242, Olympia WA 98502 (WA-3088)

EMILY THOMAS (WA) (#65)

Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, 50, brown hair and eyes. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, woodworking, computers, and reading. "Go out dressed three or four times a month and pass, day or night. Like to meet other TVs who pass and would like to go out week nights. Like to correspond with others in NW."

Emily Thomas, P O Box 2799, Woodinville WA 98072-2799 (WA-3119)

JANET A. (WA) (#62)

6'2", 185, slim, and want to be more feminine. Interested in gardening, doing nothing, eating out, helping others, and being a she/male. "Have crossdressed for many years. Would appreciate a woman who could accept and encourage a male to be feminine and have a woman to woman and male to woman relationship. Am considering hormones. TV with strong TS tendencies. Love you all!"

Janet A. (WA-3322)

ALASKA (995-999-)

DONNA S. (AK) (#62)

Member Berdache Society. Lifelong TV, 5'9", 35, 145.

"Enjoy being dressed en femme in public, short skirts, downhill skiing, hunting, and fishing. Will answer all letters."

Donna S. (AK-2247)

NORA JEAN YORK (AK) (#62)

Member Berdache Society. Participant Coronation '89. "I'm fun, feminine, sincere, loving, sexy. I enjoy cooking, sewing, biking, and using my home computer. I enjoy watching videos and making them. I adore sexy clothing and lingerie. I am constantly working to bring forth the woman from within."

Nora Jean York, P O Box 203134, Anchorage AK 99520-3134 (AK-1425)

SUSANNE TAYLOR (AK) (#60)

MWM, 34, 6'3". "Still working at making it to a public function to continue my education as I continue to grow and understand about myself and life. Welcome all letters from others, and will promptly respond to same. Love being dressed and feeling free to be me."

Susanne T. (AK-2422)

MICKEY T. (AK) (#63)

Member Alaska Alliance for Gender Education. MWM, TS, 6', brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in cooking and sewing. "Am a computer enthusiast wishing to correspond with others via BBS or mail. Believe the time is right for all to come out of the closet and stand up for our rights."

Mickey T. (AK-3179)

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY (AK) (#63)

49, married, TV, understanding grown children, Jewish, 5'5", brown hair, green eyes. Interested in skiing, flying, computers, art. "Have understanding wife. Love to be a woman as much as I can. Would like to meet others who are not happy with the sex they were born into. Am a metal sculptor."

Bobbie W. Tucey (AK-3314)

CANADA

MICHELINE JOHNSON (ON CAN) (#62)

Former TS, now happily post-op (May 1990). "Thank you all for your support and friendship in the past, and during my transition. I am no longer looking for new correspondence or friendship from within the gender community or from outside my home town (Ottawa). I need someone close at hand. Apologies to those to whom I did not write back, due to work overload. Love to you all."

Micheline Johnson, P O Box 9155, Stn. T, Ottawa, ON, K1G 3T9 (CAN-0560)

CAROLYN ALEXANDER (ON CAN) (#64)

"I'm a 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi WMM CD, well and truly educated with a sensuous, caring attitude. I pass easily and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with readers having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."

Carolyn Alexander, Box 7115, Vanier PO, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E3 (CAN-1087)

YVETTE DUCHARME (CAN) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91. Board member, Outreach Institute. Pre-op TS. 5'11", 175, S. Fortyish. Live alone. Interested in all femme things,

fashion, makeup, travel, reading, big band music, walking, movies. "I enjoy corresponding very much. My femme personality is classical type. Would like to correspond, form new friendships, and help others."

Yvette D. (CAN-1632)

ALLISON JENNIFER BRENT (AL CAN) (#63)

Member Phi Sigma. MWM, hetero CD, 5'9", 170, mid 60's and very fit, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in Big Band era music, racquet sports, hiking and canoeing. "I am married to a wonderful gal who is aware of my CD interests, but prefers to remain uninvolved. I enjoy dressing and making 'Allison' just as feminine as she can be."

Allison B. (CAN-1656)

ROBYN H. (CAN) (#61)

Member of Tri-Ess and Toronto Crossdressers Club. 5'8", 150, 37, single, brunette. Interested in cooking and tennis. "I like to dress tastefully, not flashily. Have been dressing since I was fourteen years old. Looking for an understanding female friend."

Robyn H. (CAN-2033)

PRICILLA BEAULIEU (QUE CAN) (#61)

Bilingual French-speaking journalist and writer from Montreal, 40, 5'6", 150. Interested in physics, literature, travel, politics, etc. "I am a masculine looking male, bearded, dress only in private. Live with children and girl friend. She knows but does not participate. Am interested in exploring all aspects of crossgender experience through correspondence, in French, if possible."

Pricilla B. (CAN-2142)

ROBYN V. (CAN) (#61)

MW hetero TV. 46. Professional. Interested in boating, theater, music, skiing, and travel. "Looking forward to hearing from other TV/TS's to share experiences in our insatiable quest for femininity. I enjoy venturing out publicly in conservative dress and makeup. The utmost discretion appreciated and assured."

Robyn V. (CAN-2449)

CHRISTINE B. (BC CAN) (#63)

Married, 40, 6', 165, TS oriented, with supportive wife. "My primary interests lie in raising my children, fulfilling relationship with my wife, and exploring the potential of my career. Having read Kyndel Kellis' article in Issue #55, I have embraced the concept of Berdache. Have only been out dressed twice. Need clear understanding of the legal ramifications of being read before pushing my luck. Would appreciate feedback."

Christine B. (CAN-2474)

HELGA DAHLKE (ONT CAN) (#61)

5'8", 150, 64, hetero TV, married to a slightly supportive wife. Feminine, shy, not out of the closet yet, getting started again. "I like being dressed in nylon, satin, lacy feminine attire. Interests include camping (Owen Sound area), ballroom, square, and round dancing. Like to spend winters in Florida. Wish to meet others from my general area who have their wives' support, for help and friendship."

Helga D. (CAN-2759)

GABRIELLE P. (ON CAN) (#69)

63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

Gabrielle P. (CA-2918)

DAYE D. PAYNTER (ON CAN) (#61)

36, 5'11", 150, blue eyes, dancer's figure. "I feel like a child taking her first steps. I want to be a woman when I grow up. Am in need of friends, support, guidance, to share with. Professional singer/songwriter, artist, with very large, soon-to-be-realized dreams. I draw my inspiration and lifeblood form the woman inside."

Daye P. (CAN-2913)

MINA (QUE CAN) (#61)

Events Attended Dressing for Pleasure. 6', 170, TV, with very supportive wife. "Our interests are varied. We travel frequently. We enjoy fantasy development and role playing as part of our 'Rituals of Belonging.' Although I am passable, we are looking for methods to further increase my femininity. Interested in couples who share our aspirations. Discretion expected and assured, as we both have professional careers."

Mina & Princess Shelba, P O Box 664, Beaconsfield, QUEBEC, Canada H9W 5V3 (CAN-2955)

ROBERTA S. (ONT CAN) (#62)

5'8", 250, full beard. Interested in baseball, football, dressing at home. "At a crossroads in life. At forty-nine, experiencing a breath of fresh air. This decision might cause the break up of my fifteen-year marriage. My wife knew about my wearing panties and disapproved. When she finds about the rest, all hell is going to break loose. Hope to find someone able to help me find my way as a hetero crossdresser."

Roberta S. (CAN-3134)

KAREN W. (CAN) (#62)

Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 40, coming out again. Interested in books, stockings. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my legs. Looking forward to getting out more as a woman."

Karen W. (CAN-3140)

MICHELLE JOHNSON (CAN) (#61)

Member Cornbury Society (Vancouver). Attended Esprit '91. 5'7", 150, early 40's, 12, hetero CD. Supportive wife. "I love to be a feminine, fashionable girl, and dress appropriately for the occasion. I regularly go shopping and enjoy theater and fine dining. Would like to correspond with and/or meet others in the Vancouver area who have similar interests."

Michelle J. (CAN-3164)

ERICA JAYNE R. (CAN) (#62)

Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

Erica Jayne R. (CAN-3323)

BROOKE ROBERTS (CAN) (#62)

Member Tri-Ess, Illusions, Calgary. Attended Esprit '92. Interested in reading, skiing, traveling, makeup and dressing. MWM, 6', 165, supportive wife. Frequently travel western Canada and northwest US. Also eastern Canada and US occasionally on business. "Enjoy going out dressed and meeting TV/TSs and females during my travels. Will also correspond."

Brooke Roberts (CAN-3359)

JENNIFER BLAKE (CAN) (#63)

Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife, 27, very passable, love to go out and enjoy myself as a female. Interested in writing stories, fiction and non-fiction, shopping, and helping other to enjoy the feminine lifestyle. "Married in 1990 en femme, written book about experience, and produced a video helping other sisters with makeup and showing my entire wardrobe. Would love to hear from other sisters who are in need of a friend and love to write."

Ms. Jennifer Blake, P O Box 66583, Stoney Creek P O, Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, E8G-5E5 (CAN-3385)

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN (CAN) (#64)

W, 5'9", 180, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, horseback riding, swimming, travel. "Enjoy nonsexual pleasure of feminine expression. Shy, seek long-term relationship with clean, white female. Intention matrimony, love, and guidance. Prefer Chicago or Charlotte."

Kristy L. (CAN-3502)

PUERTO RICO

ANDREA FERNANDINI (PR) (#63)

5'7", 150, white, romantic, and sincere. Interested in books, art, theater.

Andrea F. (PR-2817)

ROBERTA J. CAMPBELL (PR) (#64)

6'2", 225, brown hair, brown eyes, single, 44. Bookworm and avid movie collector. "I'm a pre-op TS. Looking to write, talk and mingle with others who share the same problem. Also interested in forming a support group in Puerto Rico."

Robert C. (PR-2838)

MEXICO

LAURA MORENO (MEX) (#63)

Attended Fantasia Fair. Separated WM, 40, 5'10", 140, brown hair and eyes. Interested in dancing, cooking, music. Work in the human sexuality field giving workshops and courses. "Lifelong CD, passable at times (too tall for a Mexican girl). Just coming out of the closet and trying to join or form a TV/TS group in Mexico City for mutual support. Want to help people to avoid having to go through what I went through. Where are you my Mexican sisters?"

Laura Moreno (MEX-2670)

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER (SCOTLAND) (#64)

Member Scottish TV/TS Group, Grampion Gender Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero CD, separated, 61 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). Travel, read, and write. Edit The Tartan Skirt. Live 50% as a woman. "Conservatively dressed lady who loves heels, hose, and ballgowns. Pass well. Often travel dressed. Willing to help. Like to hear from sisters in Europe and sympathetic genetic women."

Anne F. (SCOTLAND-2791)

KAREN BARCLAY (ENGLAND) (#62)

Single, TV, 24. Tall, slim, friendly. Interested in movies, dining out, current affairs, fashions, and cosmetics. "I have crossdressed for a number of years. These days, I am confident and happy with who I am. I'm interested in being a sounding board, someone to share things with, a shoulder to cry on. I'm caring and discreet. Please write, I'd love to hear from you."

Karen L. Barclay, P O Box 449, Reading, RG1 5AT ENGLAND (ENG-3191)

EUROPE

HELEN S. (FRANCE) (#62)

Member Trans-CCL (Paris). TV, 57, 5'11", blonde. Enjoy everything feminine. Interested in classical music, arts, reading, biking. "I especially enjoy writing or meeting with sisters and understanding ladies. Wish contact with other European members."

Helen S. (FRA-2178)

SUSANNE ANDERS (AUSTRIA) (#64)

Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

Susanne Anders, P O Box 182, A-1210 Vienna, (AUSTRIA-2774)

YVONNE THOMPSON (GERMANY) (#65)

Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, reddish brown hair, almost passable. Interested in photography, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling.

"I enjoy any opportunity to be Yvonne. I like fine lingerie, ladylike clothing, pretty shoes, and perfect makeup. Wife does tolerate, but is not supportive. Have been dressed up many times in public. Would like to correspond with sisters in Europe and in the USA."

Yvonne Thompson (GER-3050)

JENNY SAND (NORWAY) (#63)

Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

Jenny S. (NOR-2584)

AUSTRALIA

MARINA LANG (AUS) (#63)

Member Seahorse Club of Victoria. Participant Cup Eve Ball, Arts Ball. TS, 194 cm (6'6"), blonde. Enjoys classical music, oil painting, theater, concerts, eating out in restaurants, fashion, and dress design. "I would like to hear from other very tall IFGE members."

Marina Lang, G.P.O. Box 1177K, Melbourne, 3001 Australia (AUS-0693)

HONG KONG

ROSEMARY MARYON LANGTON (HONG KONG) (#63)

Member Beaumont Society, Tri-Ess, TV/TS Society England. MWM, 59. Interested in Victorian, Japanese, maternity, and little girls' clothing. Dressmaking, entertaining TVs, and correspondence world-wide. "Lifelong, dedicated TV. Have enjoyed my dual life since I came out in '61. Spouse and adult family accept. All facial hair gone, can style own hair. Pass easily. Retiring soon, looking forward to visit TVs and events world-wide."

Rosemary Langton, G.P.O. Box 9171, Hong Kong (HK-1792)

JAPAN

JOAN C. (JAPAN) (#65)

Black, heterosexual, TV, 5'10", 185. "Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding of my need to crossdress. Am very shy, and would love to come out of the closet, but the nature of my profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS. Please write."

Joan C. (APO-3083)

JOYCE D. CHAMPION (JAPAN) (#63)

5'8", 155, 30. Lifelong TV with TS tendencies. Interested in empowering others to achieve their lifetime goals. BS in Education. Enjoy intelligent, provocative conversation. Thrilled by lingerie, high heels, beautiful nails, silk and frou-frou. Love to dance, write music, sing, play piano, and do domestic chores while en femme. Travel to the States a couple of times a year. Discretion expected and assured. Photos welcome."

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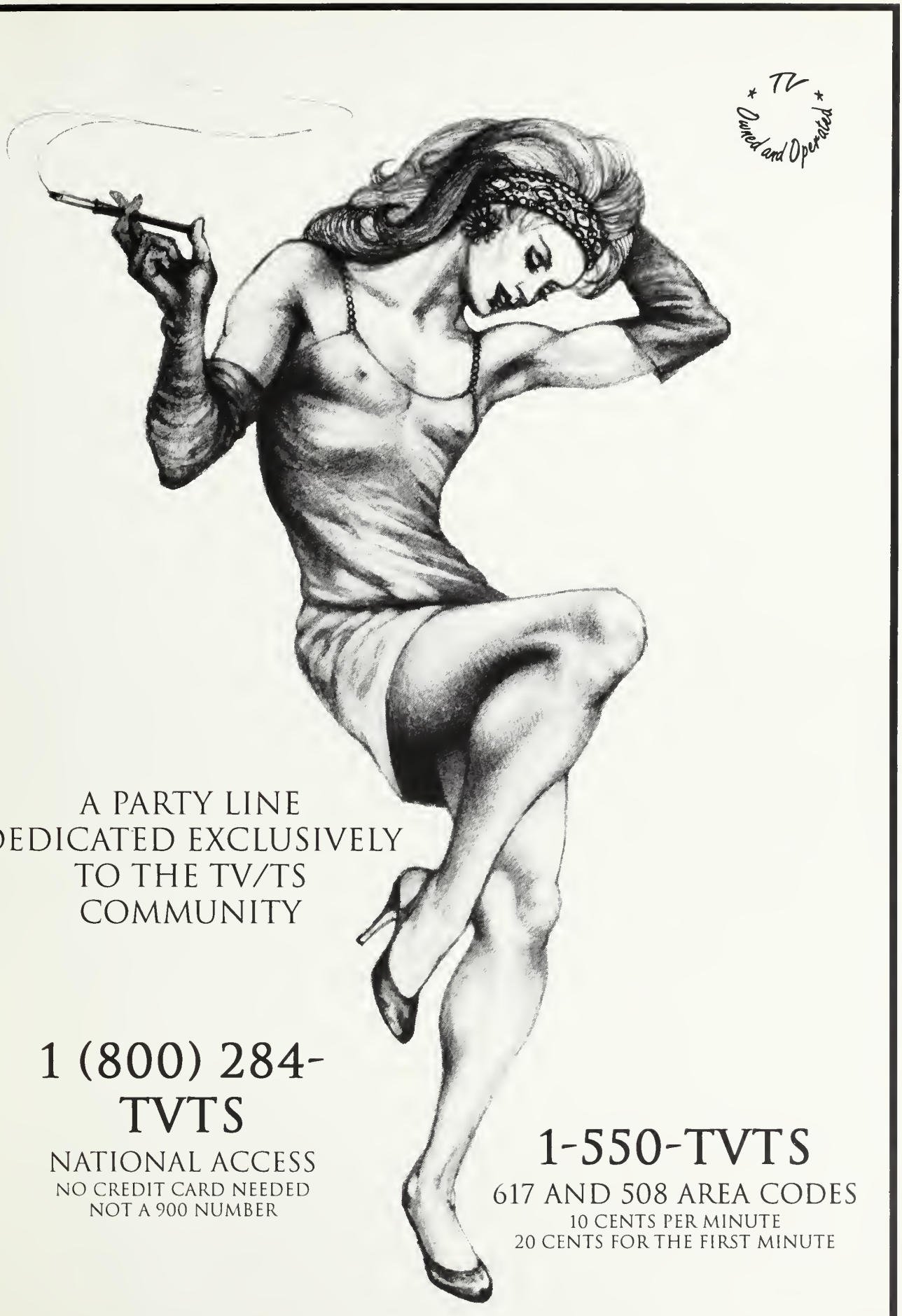
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